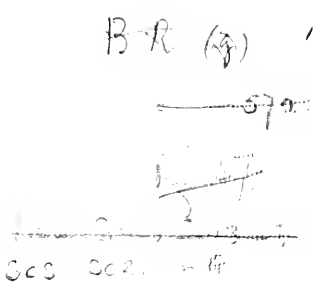
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New Spalding Club.

THIRD REPORT BY COUNCIL.

1889.

The New Spalding Club.

Founded 11th November, 1886.

Patroness:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

OFFICE-BEARERS FOR 1889-90.

President:

THE EARL OF ABERDEEN.

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THE DUKE OF FIFE, K.T.
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THE MARQUIS OF BUTE, K.T.
THE EARL OF STRATHMORE.
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William Alexander, LL.D., Aberdeen.
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William Cramond, Cullen.
Peter M. Cran, City Chamberlain, Aberdeen.
John Crombie, of Balgownie Lodge.
Alexander Davidson, of Desswood.
Charles B. Davidson, Aberdeen.
The Rev. John Davidson, D.D., Inverurie.
Thomas Dickson, LL.D., H.M.Gen.Register House.
The Hon. and Right Rev. Bishop Douglas, D.D., Aberdeen.
Francis Edmond, of Kingswells, LL.D.
John Philip Edmond, London.
Robert F. O. Farquharson, of Haughton.
James Ferguson, Edinburgh.
William Ferguson, of Kinmundy.
James Murray Garden, Aberdeen.
Henry Wolrige-Gordon, of Esslemont.
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The Rev. William Forbes-Leith, S.J., Selkirk.
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David Littlejohn, Sheriff-Clerk, Aberdeen.
James Matthews, of Springhill.
The Rev. John G. Michie, Dinnet.
James Moir, Rector of the Grammar School, Aberdeen.
Arthur D. Morice, Aberdeen.
Charles Rampini, Sheriff-Substitute, Elgin.
Alexander Ramsay, Banff.
Major John Ramsay, of Barra.
Professor William M. Ramsay, Aberdeen.
Alexander W. Robertson, Aberdeen.
William Forbes Skene, D.C.L., LL.D., H.M. Historiographer for Scotland.
The Rev. William Temple, Forgue.
Alexander Walker, Aberdeen.
George Walker, Aberdeen.
Robert Walker, Aberdeen.
John Forbes White, LL.D., Dundee.
John Dove Wilson, LL.D., Sheriff-Substitute, Aberdeen.
The Rev. John Woodward, Montrose.

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PETER JOHN ANDERSON, 2 East Craibstone Street, Aberdeen.

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FARQUHARSON TAYLOR GARDEN, 13 Union Terrace, Aberdeen.

Auditors:

JAMES AUGUSTUS SINCLAIR, C.A., Aberdeen; and GEORGE COOPER, C.A., Aberdeen.

THIRD REPORT BY THE COUNCIL.

(Approved at the Third Annual General Meeting of the Club on Monday, 21st October, 1889.)

The Council are again able to congratulate the Club on the condition of its affairs. The membership continues to reach the limit assigned by the rules, and, as will be seen from the appended Report by the *Interim* Treasurer, the finances could not be in a more satisfactory state, as no subscriptions are in arrears.

During the past year the Club has been deprived by death of seven of its members: The Rev. C. Elrington Bisset, younger of Lessendrum; Mr. P. H. Chalmers, the Honorary Treasurer; the Rev. Professor Christie; Mr. J. R. Cornwall; Mr. A. L. Pirie; Mr. J. F. Thomson; and Mr. H. J. Trotter, M.P. for Colchester.

It would be difficult to overestimate the loss sustained through the death of Mr. Chalmers. With him originated the idea of reviving the Spalding Club, and from none could that idea have come more appropriately, owing to his hereditary connection with the literary history of the district. It is to his enthusiasm and energy that we in large measure owe the successful start made by the new Society. His interest in its affairs never lessened.

Professor Christie was elected a Member of Council in 1888, and was entrusted with the editing of a volume of

Selections from the Wodrow MSS. The Council anticipated a full and painstaking treatment of the subject by Dr. Christie, but, unfortunately, at his death only a general plan had been sketched out.

Mr. Thomson, a young man of much promise, was, it will be recollected, associated with the Rev. Mr. Cooper in the editing of the St. Nicholas Chartulary. In losing him the Club has lost a valuable member, and one who bade fair to become an archæologist of note.

Mr. Trotter, a grandson of Andrew Philip Skene, of the Halyards (Fife) branch, took a lively interest in the appearance of the first volume issued by the Club; and shortly before his death printed for private circulation a Genealogical Tree, showing the descent of the Skene family (in a form to correspond with the volumes issued by the Club). His sister, Miss Trotter, has courteously placed a limited number of copies in the hands of the Secretary for distribution to members of the Club that may be specially interested in the family.

Among the new members admitted to fill up vacancies in the ranks of the Club, the Council are glad to note two Scottish peers, who have not merely done much for the study of Scottish Archæology in general, but have especially deserved well of printing societies. These are the Marquis of Bute, to whose munificence the Grampian Club owes the sumptuous edition of the Chartulary of Cambuskenneth, and the Ayr and Galloway Society a Collection of the Charters of the Friars Preachers of Ayr; and the Earl of Rosebery, the founder and president of the Scottish History Society, and the donor to its members of a volume of Papers connected with the Forty-five.

Since the last annual meeting, two volumes have been issued to the members of the New Spalding Club:—

I.— Lacunar Basilicae Sancti Macarii Aberdonensis. The Heraldic Ceiling of the Cathedral Church of St. Machar, Old Aberdeen, described in Historical and Heraldic detail by William Duguid Geddes, LL.D., and Peter Duguid. With twenty-four coloured armorial plates, two photogravures from sketches by George Reid, R.S.A., and four other illustrations. (Pp. xix. + 172, with 40 pp. of Club Reports.)

II.— Fasti Academiae Mariscallanae Aberdonensis. Selections from the Records of the Marischal College and University, edited by Peter John Anderson, M.A., LL.B. Vol. I., Endowments. With four photogravures from portraits (by Jamesone) of early benefactors, and one coloured armorial plate. (Pp. xxxi. + 577.)

The publication of the Selections from the Wodrow MSS., referred to above, was contemplated by the original Spalding Club so far back as 1844. From the Annual Report of that year, it appears that "the Council have resolved to apply for permission to have transcripts made, from the manuscripts of the industrious Wodrow now in the Library of the University of Glasgow, of such portions of his Collections upon the lives of the Reformers and most eminent Ministers of the Church of Scotland, as refer to persons connected with the ecclesiastical history of the North-Eastern Counties" (*Notices of the Spalding Club*, p. 32). From entries in the Account Books of the old Club it would seem that the transcripts had actually been made, but these the Secretary has been unable to trace. Accordingly renewed application was made to the Senate of the University of Glasgow, who readily allowed the MS. to be again copied.

The selected portions of the Collections (which in all fill twenty volumes) treat of the lives of the following Divines :—

I.—Ministers and Bishops:—

John Craig, second reformed minister at Aberdeen (1573-79), previously colleague of Knox, and afterwards chaplain to James VI.;

David Cunningham, first reformed Bishop of Aberdeen (1577-1600), previously sub-Dean of Glasgow;

Peter Blackburn, second Bishop (1600-16), previously Regent at Glasgow University;

Patrick Forbes of Corse, fourth Bishop (1618-35);

Adam Bellenden or Ballantyne, fifth Bishop (1635-38), previously Bishop of Dunblane, and afterwards Rector of Portlock;

John Forbes, minister at Alford (1593-1606), and afterwards at Middelburg and Delft;

John Durie, minister at Montrose (1585-1600), previously at Edinburgh;

David Lindsay, Bishop of Brechin (1619-33), previously minister at Dundee, and afterwards second Bishop of Edinburgh.

II.—Principals and Professors:—

Alexander Arbuthnot, first reformed Principal of King's College (1569-83);

James Lawson, sub-Principal of King's College (1569-72), afterwards minister at Edinburgh;

Robert Howie, first Principal of Marischal College (1593-98), afterwards Principal of St. Mary's College, St. Andrews;

William Forbes, fourth Principal of Marischal College (1620-21), afterwards first Bishop of Edinburgh;

Charles Ferme, Principal of Fraserburgh College (1598-1605), previously Regent at Edinburgh University;

John Johnston of Crimond, Professor of Theology at St. Mary's College, St. Andrews (1592-1611).

After the death of Professor Christie, it became the duty of the Editorial Committee to select another editor. They unanimously agreed to request the Rev. Robert Lippe, Chaplain to the Royal Infirmary, &c., to undertake the work. That gentleman has consented to act, and the Committee are confident that at his hands the book will receive careful and scholarly treatment. A considerable portion of the Collections is already in type. As it is wished, where possible, to give portraits of the above divines, members of the Club aware of the existence of such will confer a favour by communicating with the Secretary.

Together with the Wodrow Biographies it is proposed to issue a volume of Miscellanies, the materials for which are being collected by the Committees on Family History, Burgh Records, and Church Records. The Council would welcome further contributions suited for such a volume.

It is matter of regret to the Council that, owing to the departure for Canada of the Rev. Dr. Gammack, the progress of the Collections towards a History of Angus and the Mearns has been temporarily suspended. The Editorial Committee have found it no easy task to discover an editor at once competent and willing to undertake a work for which Dr. Gammack's qualifications were peculiarly great.

A similar difficulty has been experienced in connection with the projected History of the Gordons. The family papers of the Marquis of Huntly have been freely placed at the disposal of the Club, but as yet no editor has been found bold enough to venture on so wide a field.

The Council are assured that satisfactory progress is being made in the preparation of the other works promised in former

Reports: the Register of the Scots College at Rome; the Diary of the Scots College at Douai; the History of the Family of Burnett; the Annals of Banff; the Folklore and Place Names of the North-Eastern Province; the translation of Boece's Lives of the Bishops; the History of the Family of Forbes; the Book of Bon-Accord, revised edition; the Bibliography of the Shires of Aberdeen, Banff, and Kincardine, &c. Volumes dealing with the History of Agriculture in the three counties, and with the Rise of Natural Science in the same district, are also in contemplation.

The Council would remind the Club, that by Rule I. its objects are defined to be, "to promote the study of the History, Topography, and Archæology of the North-Eastern Counties, and to print works illustrative thereof". The Society, therefore, is not purely a book club, but is interested in all matters affecting local Antiquities. A suggestion has been made, which commends itself to the Council, to assume, in connection with the Act of 1882 for the better Protection of Ancient Monuments (45 and 46 Vict. cap. 73), some practical duty of surveillance over the ancient monuments belonging to the district.

The proposal has arisen in consequence of an application made to one or more gentlemen interested in Archæology, who happened also to be members of the Club, by General Pitt Rivers, the Inspector of Monuments under the Act, requesting them to take steps towards the formation of a Local Committee for such surveillance: a small grant from the Treasury being available towards any outlays that might be necessary. Considering the circumstance that one of the most notable works of the former Spalding Club, and one amongst the most remarkable single contributions to Archæology made by any Club, consists of the work known as "The Sculptured Stones

of Scotland," the duty or function thus suggested seems both apt in itself and appropriate to the Society. It is proper to state that the Ancient Monuments Act has in view only the remains generally regarded as prehistoric, "dolmens, ancient forts, and similar monuments," and not "more recent historic and ecclesiastical ruins, such as castles, abbeys or churches".

Of such prehistoric remains only three are at present scheduled in Aberdeenshire (the Bass of Inverurie, the vitrified fort on Tap o' Noth, and the Newton stone), one in Morayshire (Sueno's stone, near Forres), two in Forfarshire (the cross slab at St. Vigeans, and the so-called British forts on the Black and White Catherthuns), and none in either Banffshire or Kincardineshire. But, under the 10th Section of the Act, provision is made whereby other monuments of like character may, on due representation, have extended to them a similar protection. In the two volumes of the "Sculptured Stones" are chronicled, no fewer than 39 ancient monuments in Aberdeenshire, 4 in Banffshire, 12 in Morayshire, 3 in Kincardineshire, and 53 in Forfarshire. During the twenty-two years that have elapsed since the appearance of the second volume, many other remains have been brought to light, and it has been suggested to the Council by more than one member of the Club that it would be a fitting task for the present Society to carry on the work of its predecessor by preparing a Supplementary Volume. This matter is referred to the Editorial Committee.

In conclusion, the Council have to tender their thanks to Mr. F. T. Garden, Advocate, for the efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of *Interim* Treasurer since the death of Mr. Chalmers.

GEORGE GRUB, *C.*

REPORT BY THE INTERIM HONORARY TREASURER.

ABSTRACT of Account of the intromissions had by the Treasurer with the funds of the Club, for the period from 30th October, 1888, to 10th October, 1889, prepared by Mr. F. T. GARDEN, Advocate, Aberdeen, *Interim* Honorary Treasurer.

THE CHARGE.

Assets at close of last account,		£358	3	8
Subscriptions for year 1888—				
16 members in arrears at close of last account,		16	16	0
10 new members, taking the place of others, dead or resigned,		10	10	0
Subscriptions for year 1889—				
493 members,*		517	13	0
Subscriptions for year 1890—				
4 members,		4	4	0
Bank Interest,		9	14	6
Amount of the Charge,				£917 1 2

THE DISCHARGE.

1888.	I. MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS PAID.			
Nov. 14.	D. Wyllie & Son,	£0	9	0
,, 27.	A. King & Co.,	2	0	0
Dec. 12.	The Secretary, expenses visiting Glasgow,	2	10	0
,,	T. & R. Annan & Sons,	21	3	4
,, 17.	J. Malcolm Bulloch,	2	2	0
,, 21.	A. Gibb & Co.,	45	0	9
1889.				
May 9.	Grosvenor, Chater, & Co. (per A. King & Co.),	79	15	3
,,	A. King & Co.,	59	4	7
	Forward	£212	4	11

* *Note.*—At the close of the account the membership of the Club stands as follows:—

Life members,	3
Members that paid for year 1889 during period of last account,	4
Do., do., during period of present account,	493
Total,	500

1889.					
	Brought forward	£212	4	11	
May 10.	Rev. R. Kilgour, Glasgow,	16	10	8	
,, 17.	D. Wyllie & Son,	4	1	6	
,, 31.	T. & R. Annan & Sons,	31	0	6	
Sept. 17.	Edmond & Spark,	41	13	5	
,,	A. King & Co.,	2	13	5	
,, 30.	A. Gibb & Co.,	3	5	0	
,,	T. & R. Annan & Sons,	10	6	3	
Oct. 8.	A. King & Co.,	144	8	7	
,, 10.	Edmond & Spark,	44	12	2	
					£510 16 5

II. Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

Secretary's salary, 1888-89,	£26	5	0	
Secretary's postages, &c., 28th October, 1888, to 10th October, 1889,	4	16	6	
Hon. Treasurer's postages, &c., do., do.,	2	19	7	
Hon. Treasurer's sundry outlays,	3	16	0	
				37 17 1

III. Assets as at 10th October, 1889.

Three Deposit Receipts with Town and County Bank, Limited, dated 10th October, 1889, for £100 each,	£300	0	0	
Balance at Credit of Treasurer's Bank Account, ex int. from 31st Jan., 1889,	68	7	8	
				368 7 8
Amount of the Discharge, equal to the Charge,				£917 1 2

F. T. GARDEN, *Interim Hon. Treasurer.*

Aberdeen, *10th October*, 1889.

The foregoing abstract has been framed from the annual accounts prepared by the *Interim* Hon. Treasurer, audited by us, and approved of.

JAMES AUG^{S}. SINCLAIR, C.A., *Auditor.*
GEORGE COOPER, C.A., *Auditor.*

Aberdeen, *16th October*, 1889.

Note.—The Miscellaneous Disbursements above are allocated as follows:—

I. "Ceiling of St. Machar's Cathedral."

Printing 232 pp., per estimate, by A. King & Co.,	£39	17	6		
,, corrections and extras,	19	7	1		
Illustrations: A. Gibb & Co.,	45	0	9		
,, T. & R. Annan & Sons,	21	3	4		
Indexing: Mr. J. M. Bulloch,	2	2	0		
Binding: Edmond & Spark: cases, &c.,	22	1	8		
,, facing paper for plates,	4	12	3		
,, brass stamp for lettering,	0	10	6		
Packing,	2	3	9		
Carriage,	10	2	6½		
				£167	1 4½*

II. "Records of Marischal College," Vol. I.

Paper: 38$\frac{5}{20}$ reams (54 lbs.),†	£79	15	3		
Printing 610 pp., per estimate, by A. King & Co.,	104	16	10		
,, corrections and extras,	39	11	9		
Illustrations: A. Gibb & Co.,	3	5	0		
,, T. & R. Annan & Sons,	41	6	0		
Binding: Edmond & Spark: cases, &c.,	22	1	8		
,, extra folding, &c.,	6	12	6		
,, brass stamp for lettering,	0	11	6		
Packing,	2	3	9		
Carriage,	13	2	9		
				313	7 9‡

III. "Wodrow Biographical Collections."

Secretary's visit to Glasgow,	£2	10	0		
Transcripts: Rev. Mr. Kilgour,	16	10	8		
				19	0 8

IV. Club Library.

Works of reference purchased,				4	10 6

V. Sundries.

Printing reports and circulars,	£4	13	5		
Stationery, &c.,	2	2	8½		
				6	16 1½
Amount of Miscellaneous Disbursements as above,				£510	16 5

* Together with £47 18s., as per former Statement of Accounts. Total, £214 19s. 4½d.

† A small portion has also been used of the paper set apart, as per former Statement, for the "Chartulary of St. Nicholas," Vol. II.

‡ Together with £14 19s. 9d., as per former Statement. Total, £328 7s. 6d.

New Spalding Club.

FIFTH REPORT BY COUNCIL.

1891.

The New Spalding Club.

Founded 11th November, 1886.

Patroness:

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OFFICE-BEARERS FOR 1891-92.

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THE LORD FORBES.
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JAMES A. CAMPBELL of Stracathro, LL.D., M.P.
FRANCIS EDMOND of Kingswells, LL.D.
WILLIAM FERGUSON of Kinmundy.
GEORGE GRUB, LL.D.
ALEXANDER FORBES IRVINE of Drum, LL.D.

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George Cadenhead, Procurator-Fiscal, Aberdeen.
The Rev. James Cooper, Aberdeen.
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The Rev. J. Myers Danson, Aberdeen.
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Peter Duguid of Easter Skene.
William Dunn of Murtle.
John Philip Edmond, Haigh.
James Ferguson, Edinburgh.
Alexander M. Gordon of Newton.
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Charles Rampini, LL.D., Sheriff-Substitute, Elgin.
Alexander Ramsay, Banff.
Major John Ramsay of Barra.
Alexander W. Robertson, Librarian, Public Library, Aberdeen.
William Forbes Skene, D.C.L., LL.D., H.M. Historiographer for Scotland.
The Rev. James Smith, B.D., Aberdeen.
The Rev. William Temple, Forgue.
Alexander Walker, Aberdeen.
George Walker, Aberdeen.
Robert Walker, Aberdeen.
John Forbes White, LL.D., Dundee.
Professor John Dove Wilson, LL.D., Aberdeen.
The Rev. John Woodward, Montrose.

Secretary:

PETER JOHN ANDERSON, 2 East Craibstone Street, Aberdeen.

Treasurer

FARQUHARSON TAYLOR GARDEN, 13 Union Terrace, Aberdeen.

Auditors:

GEORGE COOPER, C.A., Aberdeen; and WILLIAM MILNE, C.A., Aberdeen.

FIFTH REPORT BY THE COUNCIL.

Approved at the Fifth Annual General Meeting of the Club on Friday, 11th December, 1891.

THE Council feel it to be their duty to begin their Report by explaining the circumstances under which the Annual Meeting of the Club has this year been held in December instead of in October, as formerly.

It will be in the recollection of members that at the last General Meeting of the Club, on 30th October, 1890, it was resolved to alter Rule III., so as to admit of the holding of the Annual Meeting "in the month of October *or at such other time as may be found convenient*". It was at the same meeting announced that the Editorial Committee had approved, as part of the issue for 1891, of the second volume of the Chartulary of the Church of S. Nicholas, edited by the Rev. James Cooper—of which the first volume had appeared early in 1888. When it was found, in the course of last summer, that this volume was not making such rapid progress as had been anticipated, or as was being made by the companion volume edited by Mr. Cramond, it was thought expedient to take advantage of the new rule by arranging for a Meeting of the Club at a somewhat later period of the year, in the hope that both volumes might then be in the hands of members. It is with much regret that the Council find this expectation unfulfilled. Mr. Cooper reports himself unable to carry out his intention of completing his editorial work during the present year; and the Council, therefore, feel that further delay in holding the Annual Meeting would serve no good purpose.

It follows that the only two volumes which the Council can report as issued since the date of last General Meeting are :

I.—The Miscellany of the New Spalding Club. Vol. I. (Pp. lxii. + 391, with 32 pp. of Club Reports.)

II.—The Annals of Banff. Edited by William Cramond, M.A. Vol. I. (Pp. xv. + 385, with nine plates.)

The former volume constituted the second half of the issue for the year 1890. The latter constitutes the first instalment of the issue for the year 1891. The second instalment—the volume of the Chartulary—will be distributed to members at the earliest possible date ; but, owing to the circumstances above detailed, it will fall for delivery within the year 1892, so that the balance will be redressed by the issue of three volumes, if all goes well, within that year. The Council feel extreme regret at having to make such an announcement, but having regard to the nature of his materials, they recognise the severity of the task of co-ordination which has fallen to Mr. Cooper, a task, however, which he is anxious to perform with all the more care and elaboration, inasmuch as the work is one so intimately connected with the civic and historic development of Aberdeen. The Council trust that the Club will make every allowance for delays arising in connection with editorial work undertaken, solely in the interests of the Club, by gentlemen whose intervals of leisure are but few.

As approved by the Editorial Committee the issues properly belonging to the year 1892 will be :—

I.—The Annals of Banff. Vol. II.

II.—Musa Latina Aberdonensis (as described in last Report). Edited by Principal Geddes. Vol. I. : being the Parerga of Arthur Johnston. With illustrative portraits by Jamesone and others, reproduced in photogravure.

The Council have no reason to anticipate, in connection with these volumes, a repetition of such a delay as has occurred in the present year. The MS. for each volume is practically complete, and is already, to a considerable extent, in the printer's hands.

Satisfactory progress is being made with the Aboyne Papers, the David Skene Papers, the Rebellion Papers, the Registers of the Scots Colleges, the Bibliography of North Eastern Scotland, and other works promised in previous Reports.

Among the new works which have been suggested to the Editorial Committee, and have been generally approved as suitable, in the hands of competent editors, for the purposes of the Club, are :—

I.—The Records of Old Aberdeen. (Town Council, 1602-1891 ; Trades from 1608 ; Kirk Session from 1621.)

II.—The Records of the Northern Royal Burghs. (Fortrose, Dingwall, Tain, Dornoch, Wick, Kirkwall.)

III.—The Place-Names of Aberdeenshire.

IV.—The Records of the Presbytery of Alford, 1662-1688.

V.—The Records of the Presbytery and the Kirk Sessions of Strathbogie (down to and including the period of the Disruption).

Since the appearance of last Report, twelve members of the Club have died : The Earl of Caithness ; Mr. John Gray Chalmers, Aberdeen ; Mr. Charles Elphinstone Dalrymple of Kinellar Lodge ; Surgeon-Major Farquhar, Aberdeen ; Mr. John Findlater, Aberdeen ; Mr. J. Murray Garden, Aberdeen ; Mr. George Hamilton of Skene ; Rev. Dr. Mearns of Disblair ; Dr. Maitland Moir, Aberdeen ; Professor Smith-Shand, Aber-

deen; Mr. W. R. Walker, St. Louis; Dr. John Webster, Aberdeen. All of these in their several ways were, more or less, accomplished members of the Club, and are deeply regretted.

The Earl of Caithness, as Mr. James Augustus Sinclair, had on two occasions acted as one of the Auditors of the Club.

Mr. Murray Garden had from the outset been a Member of the Council.

Mr. Hamilton of Skene and Dr. Maitland Moir were known to be excellent archæologists, and judicious collectors of objects antiquarian.

In the decease of the Rev. Dr. Mearns and Professor Smith-Shand we lose links of connection with the former professorial and ecclesiastical memories of this portion of Scotland.

Dr. Webster, one of the founders of the old Spalding Club, was a Vice-President and a Member of the Business Committee. This Club, as well as the City and the University, feels itself poorer by the loss of one possessed of so rich culture and so varied accomplishments.

One of the names in the above list of deceased members deserves and must receive a special tribute of regretful remembrance. It is that of Charles Elphinstone Dalrymple, one of the Vice-Presidents, as well as the first Chairman of the Editorial Committee—a gentleman by whose death, it is not too much to say, the Club has met with the severest loss it has yet sustained. His well-known accomplishments as a scholar and archæologist, his great stores of local knowledge and history in this northern district, his fine literary taste and gentlemanly feeling, all combined to form a most attractive character, such as we can hardly hope to see exemplified soon again. To him, more perhaps than to any other single member, has the resuscitation of the Spalding Club in its new form been due, and, in expressing its regret for his loss, it has to mourn the severance of a most important and valued link uniting the New Club to the Old.

The Council have again satisfaction in reporting that the Club continues to be financially in a sound position; the Treasurer's Balance Sheet showing no arrears for the year 1890-91. While, however, it has been hitherto possible to fill the vacancies caused by death, from the list of applicants formed when the Club was started in 1886, it is right to point out that this list is now nearly exhausted, and that it will probably be in the power of the Council during 1892 to admit to Membership new applicants. The publication of this statement is intended to attract the attention of many who it is believed have hitherto been deterred from applying for admission. All such are reminded that under Rule VII.: "Vacancies in the membership shall be filled up *according to priority of application*".

The stock of publications, available for purchase, at subscription prices, by new members, is as follows:—

1887. Memorials of the Family of Skene. *Out of print.*
Chartulary of the Church of S. Nicholas: Vol. I. *Two copies.*

1888. Heraldic Ceiling of the Cathedral of S. Machar. *Out of print.*

1889. Records of Marischal College and University: Vol. I. *One copy.*

1890. Wodrow's Collections. *Four copies.*
Miscellany: Vol. I. *Four copies.*

1891. Annals of Banff: Vol. I. *Fourteen copies.*

As the outcome of a suggestion made at the last Annual General Meeting of the Club by the Chairman, the Marquis of Huntly, a deputation, consisting of Lord Huntly, Principal Geddes, Mr. Alexander Walker, Colonel Allardyce, and the Secretary, had an interview, on 15th December, 1890, with the Aberdeen Town Council. The deputation urged on the Town Council the propriety of steps being taken for the purpose of

establishing in Aberdeen an Archæological Museum, representing more especially the antiquities of the North Eastern District of Scotland. The Town Council "remitted the matter to the consideration of the Lord Provost's Committee for a Report, with powers to confer with the Art Gallery Committee on the subject, and also in regard to a suggestion made by the deputation as to holding a preliminary Loan Exhibition of antiquities at an early date". Thereafter the Lord Provost's Committee remitted the matter for Report to a small Sub-Committee: Baillie Crombie, Convener. Up to 16th November last, when the newly elected Town Council appointed its Committees, this Sub-Committee had presented no Report, and as the Lord Provost's Committee has not been reappointed for the current year, it would seem that further consideration of the subject by the Town Council is deferred indefinitely. The Council of the New Spalding Club regret this postponement of a movement which bade fair to further the progress of Archæological study in the North Eastern Counties.

As the Special Committees on Church Records, on Burgh Records, etc., have now completed the investigation of the different fields entrusted to them, the Council propose in future to limit the Standing Committees to three (each having power to form Sub-Committees):—

I. The Business Committee: to manage the finance and general business of the Club.

II. The Editorial Committee: to decide on the works to be issued by the Club, to select the editors, and to regulate all literary and artistic details.

III. The Archæology Committee: to investigate the general Archæology of the North Eastern Counties, and to continue negotiations for the formation of an Archæological Museum in Aberdeen.

GEORGE GRUB, *C.*

REPORT BY THE HONORARY TREASURER.

ABSTRACT of Account of the intromissions had by the Hon. Treasurer with the funds of the Club, for the period from 20th October, 1890, to 1st December, 1891, prepared by Mr. F. T. Garden, Advocate, Aberdeen, Hon. Treasurer.

THE CHARGE.

Assets at close of last account, . . .	£530	15	8
9 Subscriptions for year 1890 in arrears at close of last account, . . .	9	9	0
493 Subscriptions for year 1891,* . .	517	13	0
6 Subscriptions for year 1892, . . .	6	6	0
Payments by new members for back volumes, ...	20	9	6
Bank Interest, ...	15	14	11
Amount of the Charge, ...	£1100	8	1

THE DISCHARGE.

I. MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS PAID.

1890. Oct. 20.	J. Galwey, London, . . .	£0	10	6
Nov. 24.	A. C. Cameron, LL.D., Fettercairn, ...	1	1	0
,, ,,	D. Wyllie & Son, . . .	1	7	0
,, 29.	A. King & Co., . . .	7	2	3
Dec. 29.	A. King & Co., . . .	114	9	1
1891. Feb. 16.	C. M. Lawrence, . . .	1	0	0
May 22.	C. M. Lawrence, . . .	0	13	0
,, ,,	A. King & Co., . . .	0	10	6
,, ,,	D. Wyllie & Son, . . .	0	13	0
Carry Forward,		£127	6	4

* *Note.*—At the close of the account the membership of the Club stood as follows:—

Life members, ...	3
Members that paid for 1891 during period of last account, . .	4
Do. do. do. present account, . .	493
Total, ...	500

		Brought Forward,	£127	6	4	
June	15.	Edmond & Spark, . . .	41	3	11	
,,	,,	George Ogg & Son, Stoneywood, &c., ...	10	13	10	
July	2.	Miss M. Craig, . . .	5	0	0	
,,	8.	Grosvenor, Chater & Co. (per Edmond & Spark), . .	127	14	11	
Nov.	12.	Rev. W. Macleod, Edinburgh. .	7	13	6	
,,	21.	Milne & Hutchison, . .	78	4	0	
,,	,,	Edmond & Spark, . . .	0	4	8	
,,	27.	Taylor & Henderson, . .	23	18	6	
,,	,,	Edmond & Spark, . . .	39	2	4	
,,	,,	W. & A. K. Johnston, Edinb. .	2	10	0	
		Cost of P.O.O.'s, &c., . .	0	1	1	
						£463 13 1

II. Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

Secretary's salary, 1890-91, . . .	£26	5	0
Secretary's postages, 20th October, 1890, to date, ...	4	18	7
Hon. Treasurer's sundry outlays, . .	6	1	1
			£37 4 8

III. Assets as at 1st December, 1891.

Six Deposit Receipts with Town and County Bank, Ltd., dated 1st Dec., 1891, for £100 each, . . .	£600	0	0
Balance at credit of Treasurer's Bank Account, ex int. from 31st January, 1891, ...	0	15	3
	£600	15	3
Deduct Balance due to Treasurer as at 1st Dec., 1891, ...	1	4	11
			599 10 4*
Amount of the Discharge, equal to the Charge. .			£1100 8 1

F. T. GARDEN, *Hon. Treasurer.*

Aberdeen, *1st December*, 1891.

The foregoing abstract has been framed from the annual accounts prepared by the Hon. Treasurer, audited by us, and approved of.

GEORGE COOPER, C.A., *Auditor.*
WILLIAM MILNE, C.A., *Auditor.*

ABERDEEN, *9th December*, 1891.

Note 1.—The largeness of the sum at the credit of the Club is due to the fact that on 1st December no accounts (save that for paper) had been paid in connection with the printing, illustrating, binding, &c., of Vol. II. of the *Chartulary of S. Nicholas*, which is to form part of the issue for 1891.

Note 2.—The Miscellaneous Disbursements above are allocated as follows:—

I. "MISCELLANY," VOL. I.

Printing: A. King & Co.: 136 pp. small pica, per estimate,	£23	7	6
,, ,, 352 pp. longprimer, per estimate,	66	7	4
,, ,, corrections and extras,	24	14	3
Binding: Edmond & Spark: cases per estimate,	21	15	10
,, ,, extra folding,	3	4	0
,, ,, brass stamp for lettering,	0	11	6
Packing,	2	3	7
Carriage,	12	12	4½
Dr. Cameron's outlays,	1	1	0
	£155	17	4½*

"ANNALS OF BANFF," VOL. I.

Paper, 28 reams,	£58	1	3
Printing: Milne & Hutchison: 402 pp. small pica, per estimate,	69	2	0
,, ,, corrections and extras,	9	2	0
Illustrations: Taylor & Henderson: per estimate,	23	18	6
Binding: Edmond & Spark: cases, per estimate,	22	1	8
,, ,, extra folding,	2	9	0
,, ,, brass stamp for lettering,	0	7	3
Packing,	2	4	2
Carriage,	12	0	3
	£199	6	1

III. CLUB LIBRARY.

Works of reference,	£5	0	6
Carry Forward,	£360	3	11½

* Together with, from last Account :—

Paper, 29½ reams,	£60	9	2
Transcribing, &c.,	25	14	10
	£242	0	6½

A portion was also used of the paper set apart for the "Chartulary of S. Nicholas," Vol. II. See "Statements" of 1888 and 1889.

IV. Sundries.

			Brought Forward,	£360 3 11½
Paper on hand, or partly used for "Chartulary," Vol. II.: 33⅝ reams,		£69 13 8		
Outlay on Dyce Stones (see Report of 1890),		10 13 10		
Printing Reports and Circulars,		7 12 9		
Miscellaneous transcribing,		14 6 6		
Stationery, &c.,		1 2 4½		
				£103 9 1½
Amount of Miscellaneous Disbursements as above,				£463 13 1

New Spalding Club.

SEVENTH REPORT BY COUNCIL.

1893.

The New Spalding Club.

Founded 11th November, 1886.

Patroness:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

OFFICE-BEARERS FOR 1893-94.

President:

THE EARL OF ABERDEEN, LL.D.

Vice-Presidents

THE DUKE OF RICHMOND AND GORDON, K.G., D.C.L.
THE DUKE OF FIFE, K.T.
THE MARQUIS OF HUNTLY, LL.D.
THE MARQUIS OF BUTE, K.T., LL.D.
THE EARL OF SEAFIELD.
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JAMES A. CAMPBELL of Stracathro, M.P., LL.D.
WILLIAM FERGUSON of Kinmundy.

Ordinary Members of Council:

William Alexander, LL.D., Aberdeen.
Colonel James Allardyce, Aberdeen.
John Bulloch, Aberdeen.
George Cadenhead, Procurator-Fiscal, Aberdeen.
The Rev. James Cooper, D.D., Aberdeen.
William Cramond, LL.D., Cullen.
Peter M. Cran, City Chamberlain, Aberdeen.
John Crombie of Balgownie Lodge.
Alexander Davidson of Dess.
The Rev. J. Myers Danson, D.D., Aberdeen.
Charles B. Davidson, President of the Society of Advocates, Aberdeen.
Thomas Dickson, LL.D., H.M. Gen. Reg. House.
The Hon. and Right Rev. Bishop Douglas, D.D., Aberdeen.
William Dunn of Murtle.
John Philip Edmond, Haigh.
James Ferguson, Edinburgh.
Alexander M. Gordon of Newton
Henry Wolrige-Gordon of Esslemont.
The Rev. Walter Gregor, LL.D., Pitsligo.
John A. Henderson, Aberdeen.
Sir William Henderson, Aberdeen.
Brigade-Surgeon Lieut.-Col. W. Johnston, M.D., Newton Dee.
The Rev. William Forbes-Leith, S.J., Selkirk.
George Arbuthnot-Leslie of Warthill.
The Rev. Robert Lippe, Aberdeen.
David Littlejohn, Sheriff-Clerk, Aberdeen.
Peter Duguid-M'Combie of Easter Skene.
James Matthews of Springhill.
The Rev. John G. Michie, Dinnet.
James Muir, LL.D., Co-Rector of the Grammar School, Aberdeen.
Arthur D. Morice, Aberdeen.
Alexander M. Munro, Aberdeen.
Charles Rampini, LL.D., Sheriff-Substitute, Elgin.
Alexander Ramsay, Banff.
Major John Ramsay of Barra.
Alexander W. Robertson, Librarian, Public Library, Aberdeen.
John Forbes Robertson, London.
The Rev. James Smith, B.D., Aberdeen.
The Rev. William Temple, Forgue.
Alexander Walker, Aberdeen.
George Walker, Aberdeen.
Robert Walker, Aberdeen.
John Forbes White, LL.D., Dundee.
Professor John Dove Wilson, LL.D., Aberdeen.
Robert M. Wilson, M.D., Old Deer.
The Rev. John Woodward, LL.D., Montrose.

Secretary:

PETER JOHN ANDERSON, 2 East Craibstone Street, Aberdeen.

Treasurer:

FARQUHARSON TAYLOR GARDEN, 18 Golden Square, Aberdeen.

Auditors:

GEORGE COOPER, C.A., Aberdeen; and WILLIAM MILNE, C.A., Aberdeen.

SEVENTH REPORT BY THE COUNCIL.

Approved at the Seventh Annual General Meeting of the Club on Friday, 22nd December, 1893.

Since the last General Meeting of the Club, held on Thursday, 15th December, 1892, two volumes have been distributed to members:—

I.—The Annals of Banff. Edited by William Cramond, LL.D. Vol. II. (Pp. 498 + xii., with nine plates.) This formed the second instalment of the issue for 1892.

II.—Officers and Graduates of University and King's College, Aberdeen, 1495-1860. Edited by the Secretary. (Pp. 399 + xx., with four plates.)

There has also been circulated—

III.—Handlist of the Bibliography of the Shires of Aberdeen, Banff and Kincardine. By A. W. Robertson, M.A. (Pp. 133, 8vo.) This is a list of Short Titles issued for the purpose of eliciting information for Mr. Robertson's Bibliography, which it is expected will be ready in the course of the next two years.

Another work, to form part of the issue for 1893, is—

IV.—The Records of Aboyne. Edited by the Most Hon. the Marquis of Huntly, LL.D. Upwards of 350 pages of this volume have been already printed off, including all the Deeds selected from the Aboyne Charter Chest; but the unexpected accumulation in the editor's hands of material illustrating the early history of the Gordons, and of Aboyne before it came into the possession of that family, has delayed the appearance of the book. The last of the MS. is now in the printer's hands. The volume will be richly illustrated with photogravure portraits of the early Marquises of Huntly, views of Aboyne Castle as it appeared in the seventeenth century, and plates of seals never before engraved.

As the number of pages to which II. and IV. have run has very considerably exceeded the estimate formed a year ago, it has been found impracticable to include in the financial year, 1893, the third volume mentioned in the Sixth Report, *viz.*:—

V.—Boece's Lives of the Bishops of Aberdeen. Edited and translated by James Moir, LL.D. This will therefore fall to be reckoned as part of the issue for 1894, and as the whole of the Text and Translation has been printed off, and the Notes are now passing through the press, subscribers will have the satisfaction of receiving an instalment of next year's publications in an early month.

As approved by the Editorial Committee, the other volume to appear in 1894 will be—

VI.—Historical and other Papers connected with the Jacobite Period. Edited by Colonel Allardyce.

It is expected that the second volume of the *Musa Latina Aberdonensis*, containing the remaining works of Arthur Johnston, will be ready for issue by the early months of 1895.

For the second volume of the *Fasti* of Marischal College, on which the Secretary is engaged, Dr. Alexander Cruickshank has presented a photogravure of Watson Gordon's portrait of his father, the late Professor John Cruickshank; and Dr. Joseph Ogilvie has presented a photogravure of Cassie's portrait of Dr. Melvin. The Council gratefully acknowledge these gifts, which will tend greatly to enhance the value of the volume, and to stimulate a like generosity in others.

Thanks are also due to Mr. W. Kendall Burnett, who has printed and presented to the Club a very elaborate genealogical chart of the Burnett Family, drawn up by himself, for insertion in the volume begun by his late uncle the Lyon King of Arms.

A satisfactory advance is reported by Dr. Walter Gregor in connection with his promised volume on Folk Lore; and by Mr. James Macdonald in connection with his on Place Names.

Professor Trail hopes to have the David Skene Papers in readiness for publication at no distant date; and the Rev. Mr. Forbes-Leith continues to accumulate material illustrative of the Diary of the Scots College at Douai.

The selections from the Presbytery Records of Alford by the Rev. Thomas Bell, Keig, and from the Synod Records of Moray by the Rev. Stephen Ree, Boharm, are also in progress. Mr. Ree proposes to add to his volume a *Fasti* of all Parochial Schoolmasters within the bounds of the Synod, from the earliest extant dates down to the passing of the Education Act in 1872. Such a list may, it is hoped, be the precursor of a *Fasti Scholae Scoticanae* worthy to rank with the great work of Hew Scott.

Since the last report was submitted by the Council, thirteen members of the Club have died: Mr. Alexander Grigor Allan,

Elgin; Dr. James Anderson, London; Sir Andrew Clark, Bart., LL.D., London; the Rev. James Davidson, Banff; Mr. Andrew J. Gibb, Aberdeen; Sir John D. Hope, Bart., of Craighall; Mr. Charles Morton, W.S., Edinburgh (an original member of the old Spalding Club); Mr. W. F. Ogg, Advocate, Aberdeen (another original member); Mr. John Robertson, Advocate, Aberdeen; Mr. John Roy, LL.D., Aberdeen; the Rev. James Taylor, D.D., Edinburgh; Mr. A. Stephen Wilson, North Kinmundy; Mr. Alexander Yeats, Town Clerk Depute, Aberdeen. While several of these members had attained remarkable eminence in their respective professions, all of them are known to have had an excellent reputation in their various spheres of usefulness, and are accordingly greatly regretted.

The Treasurer reports, as in former years, a fully paid up membership of 500. It is very satisfactory to note the absence of arrears.

The list of applicants for admission to the Club, drawn up at the time of its formation, has been gradually exhausted, and it is hoped that members will make it known that it is now possible to admit a few new applicants.

A few copies of the Club's issues for the years 1891-92 (Sir William D. Geddes' *Musa Latina Aberdonensis*, I.; Dr. Cramond's *Annals of Banff*, II.; Dr. Cooper's *Cartularium Ecclesiae S. Nicolai*, II.) are still in stock and available for purchase at subscription prices (£1 1s. per annum) by new members. The issues for the years 1887, 1888, 1889, 1890, are entirely out of print, but the volumes occasionally come into the market, and the Secretary can usually direct a new member to a source whence they may be obtained.

In the month of May last an application was made to the Council by the proprietors and editor of *Scottish Notes and Queries*, suggesting "that the Club might, by supplying all its

members with the serial [at a reduced price, to be agreed on], be serving the real objects of the Club"; and, at the same time, might encourage the promoters of *S. N. and Q.* to persevere with the undertaking. The Council, while fully recognising the merits of the periodical in question, and admitting that such an application of a part of the Club's funds may not be out of accordance with the objects indicated in Rule I., are yet of opinion that it would be improper on the part of the Council to authorise the step, and that the Club should be consulted on the matter at the General Meeting.*

The Council wish to express their continued obligation to the Society of Advocates for permitting the Annual General Meeting of the Club to be held in the Society's Hall; and to the Public Library Committee, for granting the use of their Committee Room for Committee Meetings.

WM. D. GEDDES, *C.*

* "It was agreed to remit to the Council the question raised by the proprietors and editor of *S. N. and Q.* for consideration and report to the next meeting of the Club."—*Extr. Min. of Club.*

ABSTRACT

Framed from the Annual Accounts of the Club, for the period from 6th December, 1892, to 20th December, 1893.

THE CHARGE.

Assets at close of last account,	£518	10	7
491 Subscriptions for year 1892,*	515	11	0
7 Subscriptions for year 1893,	7	7	0
Payments by new members for back volumes,	21	0	0
Bank Interest,	11	15	1
Amount of the Charge,			£1074 3 8

THE DISCHARGE.

1893.	I. Miscellaneous Accounts Paid.			
Feb. 16.	Milne & Hutchison,	£107	10	1
,, 27.	C. M. Lawrence,	0	10	6
May 2.	W. Cramond, LL.D., Cullen,	15	0	7
,, 5.	Grosvenor, Chater & Co. (per Edmond & Spark),	107	0	0
June 1.	D. Wyllie & Son,	3	10	5
,, 29.	Edmond & Spark,	45	0	5
July 4.	W. Green & Sons, Edinburgh,	0	15	8
Sept. 11.	A. King & Co.,	50	0	0
,, ,,	Boussod, Valadon & Co., Paris,	10	0	0
	Carry Forward,	£339	7	8

* *Note.*—At the close of the account the membership of the Club stood as follows:—

Life members,	5
Members that paid for 1892 during period of last two accounts,	4
Do. do. do. present account,	491
Total,	500

1893.					
	Brought Forward,	£339	7	8	
Sept. 11.	G. Brogi, Florence,	1	0	0	
Nov. 17.	T. & R. Annan & Sons, Glasgow,	29	11	6	
,, ,,	D. Wyllie & Sons,	3	7	6	
Dec. 4.	A. King & Co.,	1	14	4	
,, ,,	Edmond & Spark,	0	19	10	
,, ,,	Miss M. Craig,	6	0	0	
,, 8.	G. W. Wilson & Co.,	4	4	0	
,, 19.	Edmond & Spark,	44	14	7	
	A. King & Co.,	137	10	9	
					£568 10 2

II. Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

Secretary's Salary, 1892-93,	£26	5	0	
Secretary's Postages, 6th Dec., 1892, to date,	6	3	4	
Hon. Treasurer's Sundry Outlays, including Insurance on Paper, &c.,	9	6	9	
				41 15 1

III. Assets as at 20th December, 1893.

Deposit Receipt with Town and County Bank, Limited, dated 18th Dec., 1893, being Composition received from five Life Members (see footnote on previous page),	£52	10	0	
Four do., with do., of same date, for £100 each,	400	0	0	
Balance at credit of Treasurer's Bank Account,	12	5	7	
	£464	15	7	
Deduct Balance due to Treasurer as at 20th December, 1893,	0	17	2	
				463 18 5
Amount of the Discharge, equal to the Charge,				£1074 3 8

Note.—The Miscellaneous Disbursements above are allocated as follows:—

I. "Annals of Banff," Vol. II.

Paper, 9 Reams (for printing 126 pp.),	£19	5	2
Printing: Milne & Hutchison, 512 pp., per est.,	91	4	0
,, ,, Extra for Small Type,	10	7	0
,, ,, Corrections, &c.,	5	19	1
Binding: Edmond & Spark, Cases, per est.,	22	1	8
,, ,, Extra folding, &c.,	5	5	9
Packing,	2	13	2
Carriage,	12	11	3
Dr. Cramond's outlays, &c.,	15	0	7
			£184 7 8*

II. "King's College Lists."

Paper, 12 Reams,†	£25	13	7
Printing: A. King & Co., 420 pp., per est.,	74	16	3
,, ,, Extra for Small Type,	56	2	0
,, ,, Corrections, &c.,	15	11	6
Illustrations: Annan,	8	7	6
,, Boussod,	10	0	0
,, Brogi,	1	0	0
,, Wilson,	4	4	0
,, Wyllie,	3	7	6
Binding: Edmond & Spark, Cases, per est.,	22	1	8
,, ,, Extra folding,	2	8	3
,, ,, Brass Stamp for lettering,	0	12	9
Transcribing and Indexing: Miss Craig,	6	0	0
Packing, Carriage } together with III.,	2	13	2
	12	11	3
			245 9 5

III. "Handlist of Bibliography."

Paper and Printing: A. King & Co., 138 pp., 8vo, per est.,	£36	10	7
,, ,, Corrections, &c.,	4	10	5
Binding: Edmond & Spark,	4	7	6
			45 8 6

* This outlay of £184 7s. 8d. properly belongs to the Accounts of year 1891-92; and, together with £85 11s. paid in that year, gives a total cost for the volume of £269 18s. 8d.

† Together with balance of 16 reams from last Account, value £33 18s. 8d., increasing total cost of volume to £279 8s. 1d.

IV. "Records of Aboyne."

Paper, 21 Reams (for printing 312 pp.),	£44	18	10
Illustrations: Annan,	21	4	0
			£66 2 10

V. "Boece's Lives."

Paper, 8 Reams (for printing 120 pp.),			17 2 5*

VI. Club Library.

Works of Reference,			4 6 1

VII. Sundries.

Printing Reports, Circulars, &c.,	£1	14	4
Stationery, &c.,	3	8	5
Miscellaneous Transcribing,	0	10	6
			5 13 3
Amount of Miscellaneous Disbursements, as above,			£568 10 2

* This outlay of £17 2s. 5d. properly belongs to the Accounts of year 1893-94.

J. T. Clark, Esq.
Advocates Library.
Edinburgh

New Spalding Club

EIGHTH REPORT BY COUNCIL

1894

The New Spalding Club.

Founded 11th November, 1886.

Patroness:

HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

OFFICE-BEARERS FOR 1894-95.

President:

THE EARL OF ABERDEEN, LL.D.

Vice-Presidents

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THE DUKE OF FIFE, K.T.
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The Rev. Walter Gregor, LL.D., Pitsligo.
John A. Henderson, Aberdeen.
Sir William Henderson, Aberdeen.
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[*Subscription for* 1895, £1 1s., *due* 1st *January.*]

EIGHTH REPORT BY THE COUNCIL.

Approved at the Eighth Annual General Meeting of the New Spalding Club, held on Friday, 21st December, 1894, at 2·15 p.m.

SINCE the last General Meeting of the Club, held on Friday, 22nd December, 1893, two volumes have been distributed to Members :—

I.—THE RECORDS OF ABOYNE MCCXXX.-MDCLXXXI. Edited by Charles, 11th Marquis of Huntly, P.C., LL.D. (Pp. 590 + xliv., with eleven plates.)

II.—HECTORIS BOETII MURTHLACENSIUM ET ABERDONENSIUM EPISCOPORUM VITAE. Edited and translated by James Moir, M.A., LL.D. (Pp. 210 + xx., with two plates.)

As stated in the seventh Report, it was the intention of the Council to regard the RECORDS OF ABOYNE as constituting, together with the Secretary's OFFICERS AND GRADUATES OF KING'S COLLEGE (pp. 399 + xx., with four plates) the Club's issue for 1893; and BOECE'S LIVES as forming part of the issue for 1894. But the unexpected bulk of the RECORDS has made it impossible, without straining the finances of the Club, to give it, in addition to the OFFICERS AND GRADUATES, in return for a single subscription. Accordingly the Council have decided, on the recommen-

dation of the Editorial Committee, to assign the two volumes of the OFFICERS AND GRADUATES and BOECE'S LIVES (together 609 + xxxvii. pp.) to the year 1893; and to regard the RECORDS OF ABOYNE, of almost exactly equal bulk, as constituting the issue for 1894. On two former occasions, in 1888 and in 1889, the year's issue consisted of a single volume, in neither case equalling Lord Huntly's in size.

The Council regret that it has not always been found possible to issue every volume within the year for which it had been promised. For this they would crave the indulgence of the Club, reminding its members that the experience of all similar societies goes to prove that, with unpaid editors, such occasional delays are inevitable.

One result of the issue in 1894 of a book assigned to 1893 has been to direct attention to a defect in one of the Rules of the Club, whereby the Club might become liable for more copies of one of its issues than were actually printed. In the older literary clubs, such as the Bannatyne, the Maitland, the Abbotsford, books were not assigned in advance to particular years Each member paid his annual subscription, and received whatever volumes were issued. Moreover, as in a social club, membership was a purely personal matter, and its rights were held to lapse with the death or resignation of a member. Hitherto it has been the usage of the New Spalding Club to consider the representatives of a member dying in any year, after having paid his subscription, as entitled to the books assigned in advance to that year, even though such representative should not elect to join the Club. But, according to Rule 9, "Every member not in arrear with his annual subscription shall, from the date of his becoming a member, receive one copy of every volume *printed thereafter by the Club*". Thus a volume, assigned to 1893 and appearing in 1894, might be claimed at once by the representa-

tive of A, who paid on 1st January, 1893, and died in June, and by B, who took A's place, and paid on 1st January, 1894.

The Council have therefore thought it necessary to recommend some alteration in Rule 9. In the circular calling this General Meeting, due notice has (under Rule 12) been given to members, of a modified form, approval of which will be moved by the Convener of the Business Committee.*

Two volumes, described in former reports, are in the press, and, the Council see no reason to doubt, will be completed during 1895, for which year they will constitute the issue. These are:—

I.—Historical Papers Relating to the Jacobite Period, 1699-1750. Edited by Colonel James Allardyce. Of this volume 208 pages are already printed off.

II.—Musa Latina Aberdonensis, Vol. II. Edited by Principal Sir William D. Geddes. About 100 pages in type.

The issues for 1896 will be selected from among the following, all of which are in progress under their respective editors:—

III.—Bibliography of the Shires of Aberdeen, Banff and Kincardine. Edited by A. W. Robertson, M.A., Librarian of the Public Library, Aberdeen.

IV.—Fasti Academiae Mariscallanae. Vol. II. Edited by the Secretary.

V.—Folklore of North-eastern Scotland. Edited by the Rev. Walter Gregor, LL.D., Minister of Pitsligo.

VI.—Diary of the Scots College at Douai, and Necrologies of the Scots Colleges at Ratisbon and Paris. Edited by the Rev. W. Forbes-Leith, S.J., Selkirk.

* See page 13.

VII.—Register of the Scots College at Rome. Edited by the Right Rev. Monsignor Campbell, D.D., Rector of the College.

VIII.—Records from the Archives of Middelburg, Flushing, Campvere, etc. Edited by the Rev. A. W. Frater, M.A., Minister of the Scotch Church, Middelburg.

IX.—History of the Family of Burnett. Edited by the late Lyon, George Burnett, LL.D., and D. Murray Rose.

X.—Place Names of Aberdeenshire. Edited by James Macdonald, Huntly.

XI.—Records of the Presbytery of Alford, 1662-88. Edited by the Rev. Thomas Bell, M.A., Minister of Keig.

XII.—Records of the Synod of Moray, etc.: with a Fasti of Schoolmasters. Edited by the Rev. Stephen Ree, B.D., Minister of Boharm.

XIII.—Papers of David Skene, M.D. Edited by J. W. H. Trail, M.D., F.R.S., Professor of Botany in the University of Aberdeen.

The Editorial Committee have approved the addition to the list of projected books of—

XIV.—Records of Old Aberdeen. Edited by Alexander M. Munro. This will incorporate the more reliable portions of Orem's work, with extracts from the records of the Town Council (from 1602); Trades (from 1608); Kirk Session (from 1621); Merchant Society (from 1686), etc.

XV. Collections Illustrative of the History of Kincardineshire or the Mearns. Edited by the Rev. Douglas Gordon Barron, B.D., Minister of Dunottar.

XVI.—Collections Illustrative of the History of Forfarshire or Angus.

XVII.—The Miscellany of the Club. Vol. II. For this several interesting papers have been promised.

XVIII. History of the Family of Forbes.

XIX. Records of the Maturin, Dominican, Carmelite, and Franciscan Friars of Aberdeen, 1211-1560.

XX.—Iconographia Scotica Septentrionalis; being a *catalogue raisonnée* of extant portraits, original or engraved, of eminent persons connected with the North of Scotland; with reproductions of selected portraits.

The Council have pleasure in acknowledging the presentation by Brigade-Surgeon Lieut.-Colonel Johnston of Newton Dee, of photogravures of the Marischal College portraits by Jameson of Arthur Johnston (for the Principal's Musa, Vol. II.) and William Johnston (for the Secretary's Fasti, Vol. II.).

The Treasurer has again the satisfaction of reporting the non-existence of arrears: 494 subscriptions having been duly paid for the year 1894, while there are six Life Members. The total receipts, since the Club was resuscitated in 1886, amount to £4435 6s. 2d. (including £63 in compositions from the Life Members): the total expenditure amounts to £3919 5s. 5d.

Since the last Report was submitted by the Council, no fewer than seventeen members of the Club have died: Mr. William Alexander, LL.D., Aberdeen; Sir Robert Burnett, Bart. of

Leys; Mr. John Crombie of Balgownie Lodge; Mr. James Cumine of Rattray; Mr. Peter Esslemont, Aberdeen; Mr. A. Dingwall Fordyce, Canada; Mr. Alexander Gordon of Pitlurg; Mr. Robert Grant of Druminnor; Mr. Francis Hugh Irvine of Drum; Mr. A. D. Milne, Aberdeen; Mr. A. D. Morice, Aberdeen; Captain Charles Skene, Aberdeen; Professor W. Robertson Smith, Cambridge; Mr. T. G. Stevenson, Edinburgh; Mr. J. P. Watson of Blackford; Mr. C. D. Wyllie, Aberdeen; Mr. Edward Young, Aberdeen.

While all of these in their several stations and relations filled an honourable sphere, it is proper to advert to the more special losses that the Club has thus sustained. It will be noted with regret in an archæological society that so many of the ancient families of the province, such as Drum, Pitlurg, Druminnor, Rattray and Leys, have lost their recent representatives, all of whom had shown an hereditary interest in the work of the Club. Mr. A. Dingwall Fordyce, also a member of an old county family, was formerly a benefactor to the Club in presenting the only sketch existing of the Marischal College heraldic ceiling of 1680. Captain Charles Skene belonged similarly to an old professorial family connected with Marischal College.

Two of the names stand out with peculiar prominence, and deserve more than a mere obituary reference. These are Professor Robertson Smith and Dr. Alexander. Regarding the former, it may be enough in this place to say that the Club may be proud of having had among its members a scholar so eminent, whose mental powers and varied intellectual achievements placed him among the first men of his time. The loss of Dr. William Alexander, who was one of the earliest and most zealous of the promoters of the Club, will be peculiarly felt. It was in no small degree by his influence, exerted privately and through the public press, that many gentlemen of high position—among others the Earl of Aberdeen, now President—were first led to

entertain the idea of the New Spalding Club, and to co-operate in its formation. Although he contributed no portion of its publications, it was generally known that he was employed in collecting material for a volume on the history of agriculture in Aberdeenshire, and it is to be hoped his labours may yet bear some fruit to the Club. In the meetings of Committee, more especially—he was a member of two—his large experience and sound judgment will be first felt and most keenly regretted.

The representatives of the deceased members have, in several cases, expressed a wish to join the Club, but in others the vacancies are still unfilled, and the Secretary will receive applications for admission.

The Club, at its last meeting, remitted to the Council "the question raised by the proprietors and editor of *Scottish Notes and Queries* for consideration and report to the next meeting of the Club". The Council, having conferred further with Mr. Bulloch, and fully considered his proposals, regret that they cannot see their way to advise the Club to enter into the suggested arrangement. The Council, at the same time, wish to express their high appreciation of the merit and value of *Scottish Notes and Queries*, and to commend it to the support of members of the Club.

The Council would acknowledge their continued obligation to the Society of Advocates for permitting the Annual General Meeting of the Club to be held in the Society's Hall; and to the Public Library Committee, for granting the use of their Committee Room for Committee Meetings.

WM. FERGUSON, *C.*

ABSTRACT

Framed from the Annual Accounts of the Club for the period from 20th December, 1893, to 17th December, 1894.

THE CHARGE.

Assets at close of Last Account,	£463	18	5
487 Subscriptions for year 1894,*	511	7	0
8 Subscriptions for year 1895,	8	8	0
1 Composition for Life Membership,	10	10	0
Payments by members for back volumes,	17	6	6
Bank Interest,	8	15	4
Amount of the Charge,			£1020 5 3

THE DISCHARGE.

1894.	I. Miscellaneous Accounts Paid.				
Jan. 23.	Grosvenor, Chater & Co. (per Edmond & Spark),	£105	1	10	
Feb. 20.	J. M. Corner, Edinburgh,	20	7	0	
,, ,,	G. W. Wilson & Co.,	9	15	0	
Mar. 24.	W. & A. K. Johnston, Edinburgh,	1	10	2½	
June 4.	D. Wyllie & Son,	0	17	6	
,, ,,	G. W. Wilson & Co.,	17	7	0	
,, ,,	A. King & Co.,	4	3	5	
,, ,,	Edmond & Spark,	4	10	2½	
Aug. 14.	Milne & Hutchison,	138	15	4	
Oct. 6.	A. King & Co.,	64	10	9	
,, ,,	Rev. Walter Macleod, Edinburgh,	12	13	6	
Nov. 8.	D. Murray Rose,	10	10	0	
,, 23.	Taylor & Henderson,	2	7	6	
,, 27.	Edmond & Spark,	72	2	9	
					£464 12 0

* *Note.*—At the close of the account the membership of the Club stood as follows:—

Life members,	6
Members that paid for 1894 during period of last account,	7
Do. do. do. present account,	487
Total	500

II. Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

Secretary's Salary, 1893-94,			£26 5 0	
Secretary's Postages, 20th Dec., 1893, to date,			6 5 2	
Hon. Treasurer's sundry outlays, including Insurance on paper, &c.,			6 12 4	
				39 2 6

III. Assets as at 17th December, 1894.

Deposit Receipt with Town and County Bank, Ltd., dated 17th December, 1894, being Composition received from six Life Members (see footnote on preceding page),	£63 0 0		
Six do., with do., of same date,	427 5 9		
Balance at credit of Treasurer's Bank Account,	26 5 0		
		516 10 9	
Amount of the Discharge, equal to the Charge,		£1020 5 3	

Note.—The Miscellaneous Disbursements above are allocated as follows :—

1. "Boece's Lives."

Paper, 10½ reams (for printing 142 pp., including Report, &c.),			£22 1 5	
Printing: A. King & Co., 230 pp., per est.,			41 6 6	
,, ,, Extra for Small Type,			13 9 0	
,, ,, Corrections,			6 4 0	
Illustrations: Wilson,			13 5 0	
Binding: Edmond & Spark, Cases, per est.,	£22 1 8			
,, ,, Deduct for infra size,	1 11 0			
		20 10 8		
,, ,, Brass Stamp for lettering,		0 9 9		
Packing: Proportion,		1 12 1		
Carriage: Proportion,		6 3 5		
			£125 1 10*	

* Together with £17 2s. 5d. from last account: in all £142 4s. 3d.

II. "Records of Aboyne."

Paper, 24 reams (for printing 324 pp.),			£50	8	10
Transcribing,			12	4	6
Printing: Milne & Hutchison, 596 pp., per est.,			106	3	6
,, ,, Extra for Small Type, &c.,			14	18	6
,, ,, Corrections,			17	13	4
Illustrations: Corner,			20	7	0
,, Taylor & Henderson,			2	7	6
,, Wilson,			9	15	0
Binding: Edmond & Spark, Cases, per est.,	£22 1 8				
,, ,, Add for extra size,	7 14 0				
			29	15	8
,, ,, Brass Stamp for lettering,			0	8	6
Packing: Proportion,			1	12	1
Carriage: Proportion,			11	6	1
					277 0 6*

III. "Historical Papers."

Paper, 15½ reams (for printing 208 pp.),		32	11	7
Illustrations: Wilson,		4	2	0
				36 13 7†

IV. Club Library.

Works of Reference,	1 10 2½

V. Sundries.

Printing Reports, Circulars, &c.,	£7	14	8	
Miscellaneous Transcribing,	10	19	0	
Stationery, &c.,	5	12	2½	
				24 5 10½
Amount of Miscellaneous Disbursements, as above,				£464 12 0

* Together with £92 2s. 10d. from last two accounts: in all £369 3s. 4d.

† This outlay of £36 13s. 7d. properly belongs to the Accounts of year 1894-95.

RULES.

(*As altered, 21st December*, 1894.)

1. The objects of the New Spalding Club shall be to promote the study of the History, Topography, and Archæology of the North-Eastern Counties of Scotland, and to print works illustrative thereof.

2. The Club shall consist of five hundred members, subscribers of one guinea annually: each subscription to be paid on or before the first day of January in each year.

3. The general management of the affairs of the Club shall be vested in a Council, consisting of a President, at least ten Vice-Presidents, and not fewer than forty ordinary members, including a Secretary and a Treasurer: all to be chosen yearly at a General Meeting of the Club, to be held at Aberdeen, in the Month of October, or at such other time within each year as may be found convenient. At all Meetings of the Council seven members shall form a quorum.

4. Immediately after the Annual General Meeting the Council shall elect Acting Committees to carry on the work of the Club.

5. The accounts of the Club shall be audited annually, by two Auditors, to be chosen at the Annual Meeting from among the members.

6. The name of any member in arrear with his annual subscription on the first day of October in each year may be removed from the list of members.

7. Vacancies in the membership shall be filled up according to priority of application.

8. Members may, at any time, compound for all future annual subscriptions, by payment of ten guineas over and above the subscription for the current year: and it shall be in the power of the Council to exempt from subscriptions, annual or other, any member who may present to the Club a work, the printing of which, as a Club publication, has been sanctioned by the Council.

9. Every member shall receive one copy of every volume assigned by the Club to the years for which he has paid subscriptions; and the editor of each work shall receive five additional copies of his work. The heir, executor or representative of a member shall have no claim to volumes issued by the Club after the member's death, unless he be admitted a member of the Club in place of the deceased.

10. The number of copies printed in each case shall not exceed five hundred and twenty-five, and no copy of any work printed by the Club shall be offered by it for sale.

11. The Club shall undertake the issue of its books without the intervention of publishers or booksellers.

12. A General Meeting of the Club may be called at any time on presentation to the Secretary of a requisition signed by twenty members; and the above rules may be altered at any General Meeting, provided that the members have received from the Secretary at least fourteen days' notice of the proposed change.

WORKS ISSUED BY THE NEW SPALDING CLUB.

1887 — Memorials of the Family of Skene of Skene, from the Family Papers, with other Illustrative Documents. Edited by William Forbes Skene, D.C.L., LL.D., Her Majesty's Historiographer for Scotland. Pp. 269 + xv., with six full-page plates. First Annual Report.)

1887 — Cartularium Ecclesiae Sancti Nicholai Aberdonensis. Recognovit Jacobus Cooper, A.M., in Ecclesia supradicta Presbyter. Tomus prior. (Pp. 278 + xix., with three plates. List of members, 11th November, 1887.)

1888 — Lacunar Basilicae Sancti Macarii Aberdonensis: The Heraldic Ceiling of the Cathedral Church of St. Machar, Old Aberdeen. Described in Historical and Armorial Detail by William Duguid Geddes, LL.D., and Peter Duguid. (Pp. 172 + xix., with thirty plates, twenty-four in heraldic colours. Second Annual Report.)

1889 — Fasti Academiae Mariscallanae: Selections from the Records of the Marischal College and University, mdxciii.-mdcccl.x. Edited by Peter John Anderson, M.A., LL.B. Vol. I. Endowments. (Pp. 577 + xxxi., with five plates.)

1890 — Selections from Wodrow's Biographical Collections: Divines of the North-east of Scotland. Edited by the Reverend Robert Lippe. (Pp. 360 + lxxxv., with two plates. Third Annual Report.)

1890 — The Miscellany of the New Spalding Club. Vol. I. (Pp. 391 + lxii. Fourth Annual Report. List of members, 12th December, 1890.)

1891 — Cartularium Ecclesiae Sancti Nicholai Aberdonensis. Recognovit Jacobus Cooper, S.T.D. Tomus alter. Pp. 496 + lxvi., with twelve plates, eight in colour.)

1891 — The Annals of Banff. Compiled by William Cramond, M.A., Schoolmaster of Cullen. Vol. I. (Pp. 385 + xv., with nine plates.

1892 — Musa Latina Aberdonensis: Arthur Johnston. Vol. I. The Parerga of 1637. Edited by Sir William Duguid Geddes, LL.D. (Pp. 318 + xxiv, with six plates. Fifth Annual Report.)

1892 — The Annals of Banff. Compiled by William Cramond, M.A., LL.D. Vol. II. (Pp. 498 + xi., with eleven plates. Sixth Annual Report.)

Officers and Graduates of University and King's College, Aberdeen, mvd.-mdcccl.x. Edited by Peter John Anderson. M.A., LL.B. (Pp. 300 + xx., with four plates.)

1893 Hectoris Boeth Murthlacensium et Aberdonensium Episcoporum Vitae. Edited and Translated by James Moir, M.A., LL.D., co-Rector of Aberdeen Grammar School. (Pp. 210 + xx., with two plates. Seventh Annual Report. List of members, 30th June, 1894.)

1894 The Records of Aboyne, mccxxx.-mdcixxxi. Edited by Charles, 11th Marquis of Huntly, Earl of Aboyne, etc., P.C., LL.D. (Pp. 590 + xliv., with eleven plates.)

Historical Papers Relating to the Jacobite Period, 1699-1750. Edited by Colonel James Allardyce. (*In the press.*)

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Musa Latina Aberdonensis: Arthur Johnston. Vol. II. Edited by Sir William Duguid Geddes, LL.D. (*In the press.*)

NINTH REPORT BY COUNCIL

1895

The New Spalding Club.

Founded 11th November, 1886.

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Subscription for 1896, £1 1s., due 1st January.

ABERDEEN, *6th December, 1895.*

The ninth ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the NEW SPALDING CLUB will be held in the ADVOCATES' HALL, Broad Street, on FRIDAY, 20th DECEMBER, at 3 P.M.

The Secretary will read the Report from the Council.

The Treasurer will submit a statement of the receipts and expenditure for 1894-95.

The Chairman will move the approval of the Report and Balance Sheet.

The Meeting will elect the Council for 1895-96.

It is hoped that Colonel Allardyce's "Historical Papers, relating to the Jacobite Period, 1699-1750," Vol. I., and Sir William D. Geddes' "Musa Latina Aberdonensis," Vol. II., will be in the hands of Members before the Meeting.

P. J. ANDERSON,
Secretary.

Members are requested to inform the Secretary of any inaccuracy in the address on this circular.

Dr. Clark Esq.
Advocates Library
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NINTH REPORT BY THE COUNCIL.

Approved at the Ninth Annual General Meeting of the New Spalding Club, held on Friday, 20th December, 1895, at 3 p.m.

SINCE the last General Meeting of the Club, held on Friday, 21st December, 1894, one volume has been issued to Members :—

I.—HISTORICAL PAPERS RELATING TO THE JACOBITE PERIOD, 1699-1750. Edited by Colonel James Allardyce, LL.D. Vol. I. (Pp. l. + 338, with eleven plates.)

An unfortunate delay in the preparation of a plate has prevented the simultaneous distribution of the other volume assigned to 1895, which, however, is otherwise ready, and will soon be issued, viz. :—

II.—MUSA LATINA ABERDONENSIS. Vol. II. Arthur Johnston's Epigrammata and the remaining secular poems. Edited by Principal Sir William D. Geddes, LL.D. (Pp. lvi. + 307, with nine plates.)

From the unexpected accumulation of material in Colonel Allardyce's hands, it was found necessary to devote two volumes to the work edited by him. The second is in an advanced state of preparation.

For next year the Editorial Committee have approved the issue of :—

I.—Historical Papers Relating to the Jacobite Period, 1699-1750. Edited by Colonel James Allardyce, LL.D. Vol. II. Of this volume 142 pages are already printed off and eight plates are also in readiness.

II.—Fasti Academiae Mariscallanae. Selections from the Records of Marischal College and University. Edited by the Secretary. Vol. II. The first volume, issued in 1889, dealt with the endowments of the College. The second will contain the lists of officers, graduates and alumni, 1600-1860, which have been transcribed from the original records by the Editor; together with extracts from the Visitations of the College, from the Minutes of the Senatus, and from the Council Register of the burgh of Aberdeen. As noted in former Reports, illustrations for this volume have been presented by the late Dr. Francis Edmond (of the Heraldic Ceiling of old Marischal College), by Dr. Alexander Cruickshank (of his father, Professor John Cruickshank), by Dr. Joseph Ogilvie (of Dr. James Melvin), and by Surgeon-Colonel Johnston (of his collateral ancestor, Professor William Johnston). The Editorial Committee have further approved the inclusion of portraits of a few others of the many eminent teachers and alumni of the College, to be selected from such as the following list suggested by Professor Masson: John Arbuthnot, Neil Arnott, James Beattie, Bishop Gilbert Burnet, James Burnett (Lord Monboddo), John Hill Burton,

Principal George Campbell, William Dyce, James Gibbs, Robert Gordon of Straloch, James Gregory, Field-Marshal James Keith, Sir James M'Grigor, Colin Maclaurin, James Clerk Maxwell, Sir James Outram, Thomas Reid, John Skinner.

The issues for 1897 will be selected from among the following, the first twelve of which are in progress under their respective editors:—

III.—Bibliography of the Shires of Aberdeen, Banff and Kincardine. Edited by A. W. Robertson, M.A., Librarian of the Public Library, Aberdeen. The works that come within the Editor's scope are: (1) Those which have been printed and published in the district; (2) those which treat of it in its historical, topographical, or other relations; (3) those which owe their origin to authors born or, at the date of publication, resident in the district, though these works may have been published elsewhere. Contributions to magazines or similar works, which have not been issued in separate form, broadsheets, and the works (published elsewhere) of authors who may be related to the district but are not themselves natives of it, are meanwhile not included. The volume will be illustrated with facsimiles and portraits.

IV.—Folklore of North-eastern Scotland. Edited by the Rev. Walter Gregor, LL.D., Bonnyrigg.

V.—Diary of the Scots College at Douai, and Necrologies of the Scots Colleges at Ratisbon and Paris. Edited by the Rev. W. Forbes-Leith, S.J., Selkirk.

VI.—Register of the Scots College at Rome. Edited by the Right Rev. Monsignor Campbell, D.D., Rector of the College.

VII.—Records from the Archives of Middelburg, Flushing, Campvere, etc. Edited by the Rev. A. W. Frater, M.A., Minister of the Scotch Church, Middelburg.

VIII.—History of the Family of Burnett. Edited by the late Lyon, George Burnett, LL.D.

IX.—Place Names of Aberdeenshire. Edited by James Macdonald, Huntly.

X. Records of the Presbytery of Alford, 1662-88. Edited by the Rev. Thomas Bell, M.A., Minister of Keig.

XI.—Records of the Synod of Moray, etc.: with Fasti of Schoolmasters. Edited by the Rev. Stephen Ree, B.D., Minister of Boharm.

XII.—Papers of David Skene, M.D. Edited by J. W. H. Trail, M.D., F.R.S., Professor of Botany in the University of Aberdeen.

XIII.—Records of Old Aberdeen. Edited by Alexander M. Munro. This will incorporate the more reliable portions of Orem's work, with extracts from the records of the Town Council (from 1602); Trades (from 1608); Kirk Session (from 1621); Merchant Society (from 1686), etc.

XIV.—Collections Illustrative of the History of Kincardineshire or the Mearns. Edited by the Rev. Douglas Gordon Barron, B.D., Minister of Dunottar.

XV. Collections Illustrative of the History of Forfarshire or Angus.

XVI.—The Miscellany of the Club. Vol. II. For this several interesting papers have been promised.

XVII.—History of the Family of Forbes.

XVIII.—Records of the Maturin, Dominican, Carmelite, and Franciscan Friars of Aberdeen, 1211-1560.

XIX.—Iconographia Scotica Septentrionalis; being a *catalogue raisonné* of extant portraits, original or engraved, of eminent persons connected with the North of Scotland; with reproductions of selected portraits. It is intended to issue a circular letter to members of the Club and others likely to be interested in this work, inviting information and co-operation.

The Treasurer is again able to report no members as in arrears: 494 subscriptions having been paid for the year 1895, while there are six Life Members. The total receipts, since the Club was resuscitated in 1886, amount to £4973 4s. 7d. (including £63 in compositions from the Life Members): the total expenditure amounts to £4407 16s. 8d.

Since the last Report was submitted by the Council, ten members of the Club have died: the Rev. William Christie, Marnoch; Mrs. Coutts, Banff; Mr. Alexander Davidson of Dess (an original member of the Spalding Club and a member of the Council of the New Spalding Club); Mr. Edward Fisher, Newton Abbot; Mr. William Gordon, Aberdeen; the Rev. John Brodie Innes of Milton Brodie; Major John Ramsay of Barra (a member of the Council); Mr. George Thompson of Pitmedden (another original member of the Spalding Club); Mr. John C.

Thomson, Stonehaven; Mr. James Walker, Aberdeen; all members in their several spheres much and justly regretted.

Of the original members of the old Spalding Club, founded 23rd December, 1839, only three now survive, all members of the New Spalding Club.

The representatives of the deceased members have, in several cases, expressed a wish to join the Club, but in others the vacancies are still unfilled, and the Secretary will receive applications for admission.

The Council would acknowledge their continued obligation to the Society of Advocates for permitting the Annual General Meeting of the Club to be held in the Society's Hall; and to the Public Library Committee, and the Curator of the University Library, for granting the use of rooms for Committee Meetings.

WM. D. GEDDES, *C.*

ABSTRACT

Framed from the Annual Accounts of the Club for the period from 17th December, 1894, to 12th December, 1895.

THE CHARGE.

Assets at close of Last Account,	£516	10	9
Subscriptions for year 1895,*	510	6	0
Subscriptions for year 1896,	9	9	0
Subscription for year 1887,	1	1	0
Payments by members for back volumes,	8	18	6
Bank Interest,	7	13	11
Amount of the Charge,			£1053 19 2

THE DISCHARGE.

1895.	I. Miscellaneous Accounts Paid.				
Jan. 8.	Grosvenor, Chater & Co. (per Edmond & Spark),	£109	0	7	
,, 16.	T. & R. Annan & Sons, Glasgow,	0	12	1½	
,, 24.	Rev. Walter Gregor, LL.D.,	7	9	10	
Feb. 19.	Thomas Moring, London,	1	3	8½	
May 29.	Edmond & Spark,	5	5	0	
June 3.	A. King & Co.,	4	19	9	
,, 17.	T. & R. Annan & Sons,	16	10	0	
July 29.	Miss M. Craig,	0	15	6	
Nov. 23.	Milne & Hutchison,	73	19	1	
,, ,,	T. & R. Annan & Sons,	33	0	0	
,, 25.	Edmond & Spark,	0	7	5	
Dec. 11.	Edmond & Spark,	43	6	0	
,,	A. King & Co.,	84	17	5	
,,	Taylor & Henderson,	6	10	0	
,,	G. W. Wilson & Co., Ltd.,	61	11	0	
					£449 7 5
	Forward,				£449 7 5

* *Note.*—At the close of the account the membership of the Club stood as follows:—

Life members,	6
Members that paid for 1894 during period of last account,	8
Do. do. do. present account,	486
Total,	500

Brought forward,			£449 7 5

II. Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

Secretary's Salary, 1894-95,		£26 5 0	
Secretary's Postages, 18th Dec., 1894, to date,		6 7 8	
Hon. Treasurer's sundry outlays, including Insurance on paper, etc.,		6 11 2	
			39 3 10

III. Assets as at 12th December, 1895.

Deposit Receipt with Town and County Bank, Ltd., dated 12th December, 1895, being Composition received from six Life Members (see footnote on preceding page),		£63 0 0	
Five do., with do., of same date,		502 7 11	
			565 7 11
Amount of the Discharge, equal to the Charge,			£1053 19 2

Note 1.—It should be observed that £36 13s. 7d. of the cost of "Hist. Papers," Vol. I., appeared in last year's Abstract; and that the cost of the binding, packing, and carriage of "Musa Lat. Aberd.," Vol. II. (probably about £41), will appear in next year's Abstract. On the other hand, £21 16s. 1d. has this year been paid on account of a volume assigned to 1896.

Note 2. The Miscellaneous Disbursements above are allocated as follows:

I. "Historical Papers." Vol. I.

Paper, 13 reams (for printing 180 pp.),	£28 7 0	
Printing: Milne & Hutchison, 49 sheets, per estimate,	69 16 6	
,, ,, ,, Corrections, etc.,	4 2 7	
Illustrations: Wilson,	48 13 0	
Binding: Edmond & Spark, Cases, per estimate,	22 1 8	
,, ,, ,, Add for Extra Plates, etc.,	4 7 9	
,, ,, ,, Brass Stamp for Lettering,	0 13 0	
Packing,	4 5 11	
Carriage,	10 5 0	
		*£192 12 5

* Together with £36 13s. 7d. from last account, in all £229 6s. 0d.

II. "Musa Latina Aberdonensis." Vol. II.

Paper, 27 reams (for printing 376 pp., including Report, etc.),			£58 17 6	
Printing: King & Co., 45½ sheets, per estimate,			64 16 9	
,, ,, Extra for Small Type, etc.,			11 7 0	
,, ,, Corrections,			8 13 8	
Illustrations: Annan,			33 0 0	
,, Wilson,			12 18 0	
,, Taylor & Henderson,			6 10 0	
				£196 2 11

III. "Historical Papers." Vol. II.

Paper, 10 reams (for printing 142 pp.),				21 16 1

IV. Sundries.

Repaid Rev. Walter Gregor's Outlays,		£7 9 10		
Printing Reports, Circulars, etc.,		4 19 9		
Miscellaneous Transcribing, Photographing, etc.,		17 17 7½		
Stationery, etc.,		8 8 9½		
				38 16 0
Amount of Miscellaneous Disbursements, as above,				£449 7 5

RULES.

(As altered, 21st December, 1894.)

1. The objects of the New Spalding Club shall be to promote the study of the History, Topography, and Archæology of the North-Eastern Counties of Scotland, and to print works illustrative thereof.

2. The Club shall consist of five hundred members, subscribers of one guinea annually: each subscription to be paid on or before the first day of January in each year.

3. The general management of the affairs of the Club shall be vested in a Council, consisting of a President, at least ten Vice-Presidents, and not fewer than forty ordinary members, including a Secretary and a Treasurer: all to be chosen yearly at a General Meeting of the Club, to be held at Aberdeen, in the Month of October, or at such other time within each year as may be found convenient. At all Meetings of the Council seven members shall form a quorum.

4. Immediately after the Annual General Meeting the Council shall elect Acting Committees to carry on the work of the Club.

5. The accounts of the Club shall be audited annually, by two Auditors, to be chosen at the Annual Meeting from among the members.

6. The name of any member in arrear with his annual subscription on the first day of October in each year may be removed from the list of members.

7. Vacancies in the membership shall be filled up according to priority of application.

8. Members may, at any time, compound for all future annual subscriptions, by payment of ten guineas over and above the subscription for the current year; and it shall be in the power of the Council to exempt from subscriptions, annual or other, any member who may present to the Club a work, the printing of which, as a Club publication, has been sanctioned by the Council.

9. Every member shall receive one copy of every volume assigned by the Club to the years for which he has paid subscriptions; and the editor of each work shall receive five additional copies of his work. The heir, executor or representative of a member shall have no claim to volumes issued by the Club after the member's death, unless he be admitted a member of the Club in place of the deceased.

10. The number of copies printed in each case shall not exceed five hundred and twenty-five, and no copy of any work printed by the Club shall be offered by it for sale.

11. The Club shall undertake the issue of its books without the intervention of publishers or booksellers.

12. A General Meeting of the Club may be called at any time on presentation to the Secretary of a requisition signed by twenty members; and the above rules may be altered at any General Meeting, provided that the members have received from the Secretary at least fourteen days' notice of the proposed change.

WORKS ISSUED BY THE NEW SPALDING CLUB.

1887 — MEMORIALS OF THE FAMILY OF SKENE OF SKENE, FROM THE FAMILY PAPERS, WITH OTHER ILLUSTRATIVE DOCUMENTS. Edited by William Forbes Skene, D.C.L., LL.D., Her Majesty's Historiographer for Scotland. (Pp. 269 + xv., with six full-page plates. First Annual Report.)

1887 — CARTULARIUM ECCLESIAE SANCTI NICHOLAI ABERDONENSIS. Recognovit Jacobus Cooper, A.M., in Ecclesia supradicta Presbyter. Tomus prior. (Pp. 278 + xix., with three plates. List of members, 11th November, 1887.)

1888 — LACUNAR BASILICAE SANCTI MACARII ABERDONENSIS: The Heraldic Ceiling of the Cathedral Church of St. Machar, Old Aberdeen. Described in Historical and Armorial Detail by William Duguid Geddes, LL.D., and Peter Duguid. (Pp. 172 + xix., with thirty plates, twenty-four in heraldic colours. Second Annual Report.)

1889 — FASTI ACADEMIAE MARISCALLANAE: Selections from the Records of the Marischal College and University, MDXCIII.-MDCCCLX. Edited by Peter John Anderson, M.A., LL.B. Vol. I. Endowments. (Pp. 577 + xxxi., with five plates.)

1890 — SELECTIONS FROM WODROW'S BIOGRAPHICAL COLLECTIONS: Divines of the North-east of Scotland. Edited by the Reverend Robert Lippe. (Pp. 360 + lxxxv., with two plates. Third Annual Report.)

1890 — THE MISCELLANY OF THE NEW SPALDING CLUB. Vol. I. (Pp. 391 + lxii. Fourth Annual Report. List of members, 12th December, 1890.)

1891 — CARTULARIUM ECCLESIAE SANCTI NICHOLAI ABERDONENSIS. Recognovit Jacobus Cooper, S.T.D. Tomus alter. (Pp. 496 + lxvi., with twelve plates, eight in colour.)

1891 — THE ANNALS OF BANFF. Compiled by William Cramond, M.A., Schoolmaster of Cullen. Vol. I. (Pp. 385 + xv., with nine plates.)

1892 — MUSA LATINA ABERDONENSIS: Arthur Johnston. Vol. I. The Parerga of 1637. Edited by Sir William Duguid Geddes, LL.D. (Pp. 318 + xxiv., with six plates. Fifth Annual Report.)

1892 — THE ANNALS OF BANFF. Compiled by William Cramond, M.A., LL.D. Vol. II. (Pp. 408 + xi., with eleven plates. Sixth Annual Report.)

Officers and Graduates of University and King's College, Aberdeen, MVD.-MDCCCLX. Edited by Peter John Anderson, M.A., LL.B. (Pp. 399 + xx., with four plates.)

1893 Hectoris Boetii Murthlacensium et Aberdonensium Episcoporum Vitae. Edited and Translated by James Moir, M.A., LL.D., Co-Rector of Aberdeen Grammar School. (Pp. 210 + xx., with two plates. Seventh Annual Report. List of members, 30th June, 1894.)

1894 The Records of Aboyne, MCCXXX.-MDCLXXXI. Edited by Charles, 11th Marquis of Huntly, Earl of Aboyne, etc., P.C., LL.D. (Pp. 590 + xliv., with eleven plates.)

Historical Papers relating to the Jacobite Period, 1699-1750. Edited by Colonel James Allardyce, LL.D. Vol. I. (Pp. 338 + l., with eleven plates.

1895 Musa Latina Aberdonensis: Arthur Johnston. Vol. II. The Epigrammata and remaining secular Poems. Edited by Sir William Duguid Geddes, LL.D. Pp. 308 + lvi., with nine plates. Eighth Annual Report.)

Historical Papers relating to the Jacobite Period, 1699-1750. Edited by Colonel James Allardyce, LL.D. Vol. II. (*In the press.*)

1896 Fasti Academiae Mariscallanae: Selections from the Records of Marischal College and University, MDXCIII.-MDCCCLX. Edited by Peter John Anderson, M.A., LL.B. Vol. II. (*In the press.*)

ELEVENTH REPORT BY COUNCIL

1897

The New Spalding Club.

Founded 11th November, 1886.

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HER MAJESTY THE QUEEN.

OFFICE-BEARERS FOR 1897-98.

President:

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Colonel James Allardyce of Culquoich, LL.D.
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The Rev. John Woodward, LL.D., Montrose.
William Yeats of Auquharney.

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FARQUHARSON TAYLOR GARDEN, 18 Golden Square, Aberdeen.

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GEORGE COOPER, C.A., Aberdeen; and WILLIAM MILNE, C.A., Aberdeen.

[*Subscription for* 1898, £1 1s., *due 1st January.*]

ELEVENTH REPORT BY THE COUNCIL.

Approved at the Eleventh Annual General Meeting of the New Spalding Club, held on Wednesday, 29th December, 1897, at 2·30 p.m.

DURING the year 1897 the Club has sustained severe losses through the death of members, including two of those engaged in preparing works to be issued by the Club.

A volume dealing with the Folklore of North-Eastern Scotland, to be edited by the Rev. Walter Gregor, LL.D., has been on the programme of the Club since its foundation in 1886. Towards the end of 1896 Dr. Gregor informed the Editorial Committee that he was now prepared to go to press, and accordingly a volume by him was included in the Tenth Annual Report of the Council as one of the prospective issues for 1897. After Dr. Gregor's lamented death in February last, the Secretary entered into communication with his representatives, but has not yet succeeded in obtaining the MS. The volume on Folklore has meantime been removed from the programme of the Club, and a rearrangement of the issues for 1896 and 1897 has thus been rendered necessary.

A volume dealing with the Place Names of Aberdeenshire, to be edited by Mr. James Macdonald, Huntly, has been on the programme of the Club for several years. Mr. Macdonald died in March last, bequeathing his MS. to his nephew, Mr. Charles Edward Troup, C.B., with instructions either to allow it to be printed as it stood or not at all. Mr. Troup reported that he

found the portion referring to West Aberdeenshire to be practically ready for the printer; that Professor Mackinnon of the Celtic Chair in Edinburgh University, whom he had consulted, had strongly advocated its publication; and that he, Mr. Troup, would gladly undertake to see his uncle's MS. through the press. The Editorial Committee have accordingly approved of the issue of Mr. Macdonald's work as a Club book, and a considerable portion is already in type.

Other members of the Club who have died during the past year are Mr. John H. Chalmers, Aberdeen; Mr. Alexander Cruickshank, LL.D., Aberdeen; Mr. A. W. Cumming, Dundee; Mr. William Duguid, Aberdeen; Mr. John Forrester, Edinburgh; Mr. Archibald A. Gordon, Edinburgh; Mr. James C. Howden, M.D., Montrose; the Rev. Professor James Legge, D.D., LL.D., Oxford; Mr. R. W. Cochran Patrick, of Woodside, Ayrshire, LL.D. (a life member); the Rev. George Peter, Kemnay; Mr. Alexander Profeit, Commissioner to Her Majesty, Balmoral; Mr. George Shaw, London; and Sir John Skelton, K.C.B., LL.D., Edinburgh. The vacancies thus created have not yet been all filled up, and a few applications for admission to membership of the Club can be entertained.

It was the intention of the Council, as set forth in the Tenth Annual Report, to consider the second volume of Colonel Allardyce's HISTORICAL PAPERS and the second volume of the Secretary's FASTI ACADEMIAE MARISCALLANAE as forming the issue for 1896; while Dr. Gregor's FOLKLORE and Mr. Bell's ALFORD RECORDS were to constitute the issue for 1897. Dr. Gregor's volume has had to be withdrawn as explained above; and the Secretary's volume much exceeds in bulk the amount of matter which can be regarded as equivalent to half of the yearly subscription. The Council accordingly propose to regard the HISTORICAL PAPERS, Vol. II., and the ALFORD RECORDS as the issue for 1896; and the FASTI ACADEMIAE MARISCALLANAE,

Vol. II., which will forthwith be in the hands of members, as the issue for 1897.

During 1898, as the issue for that year, the Council expect to be able to distribute :—

I.—The Place Names of West Aberdeenshire. Edited by the late James Macdonald.

II.—Records of Old Aberdeen. Edited by Alexander M. Munro.

The issues for 1899 will probably be :—

III.—The Diary of the Scots College at Douai. Edited by the Rev. W. Forbes Leith, S.J.

IV.—Historical Records of Invercauld, including many papers relating to the Forty-five. Edited by the Rev. J. G. Michie, M.A.

Other works on the programme of the Club are :—

V.—Bibliography of the Shires of Aberdeen, Banff and Kincardine. Edited by A. W. Robertson, M.A., and J. F. Kellas Johnstone. In accordance with a former recommendation by the Council, it has been decided to widen somewhat the scope of this work, the issue of which will accordingly have to be delayed beyond the date originally fixed upon.

VI.—Register of the Scots College at Rome.

VII.—Records from the Archives of Middelburg, Flushing, Campvere, etc.

VIII.—History of the Family of Burnett.

IX.—Records of the Synod of Moray; with Fasti of Schoolmasters.

X.—Papers of David Skene, M.D.

XI.—Collections for the History of Kincardineshire.

XII.—Collections for the History of Forfarshire.

XIII.—Miscellany of the Club. Vol. II.

XIV.—Fasti Academiae Mariscallanae. Vol. III.

XV.—Musa Latina Aberdonensis. Vol. III.

XVI.—History of the Family of Forbes.

XVII.—Records of the Red, Black, White and Gray Friars of Aberdeen, 1211-1560.

XVIII.—Iconographia Scotica Septentrionalis.

In accordance with a resolution of the Business Committee, proof impressions of the following thirty portraits, as reproduced for the Club volumes, have been presented to the Scottish National Portrait Gallery, and have been gratefully acknowledged by the Trustees: Pope Alexander VI.; Elizabeth, Queen of Bohemia; George, first Marquis of Huntly; George, second Marquis of Huntly; his Marchioness, Lady Anne Campbell; George, fourth Marquis of Huntly; George, fifth Earl Marischal; William, sixth Earl Marischal; his Countess, Lady Mary Erskine; John Gordon, Viscount Melgum; Sir James Crichton of Frendraught; his wife, Elizabeth Gordon; Field-Marshal James Edward Keith; Bishop Patrick Forbes; Bishop William Forbes; Bishop Gilbert Burnet; Principal Patrick Dun; Principal George Campbell; Robert Gordon of Straloch; William Forbes of Tolquhon; John Urquhart of Craigston; Duncan Forbes of Culloden; Arthur Johnston (two portraits); Dr. John Arbuthnot; Secretary Thomas Reid; Professor Thomas Reid; Professor James Gregory; Professor James Beattie; Sir James McGrigor, M.D.

In the course of the proceedings of the Business Committee, Principal Sir Wm. D. Geddes, by leave of the meeting, introduced a proposal whereby, without any charge to the Club, and with no diminution of the value of their publications, a

considerable boon could be bestowed on the University, and more especially on the University Library. In explaining the proposal, the Principal took occasion to acknowledge in ample terms the great benefit already received by the University of Aberdeen in the publication by the Club of the valuable and splendid series of volumes exhibiting the records and Fasti of both its Colleges in a manner worthy of their distinguished history. A further benefit of an equally admirable kind might be obtained by an arrangement whereby through a few extra copies, not exceeding twenty-five, of Club volumes deemed suitable for the purpose, and placed at the disposal of the University, a series of inter-academic publications might be initiated, suited for interchange with foreign Universities and Academies, and entitling the University to receive on a principle of reciprocity the oft-times very valuable publications of those foreign Universities and Academies. It is understood that the University contemplates organising in the near future a series of such issues, or what are called "occasional volumes," in a twofold division, of (1) historical and literary or philological researches, and (2) of scientific and medical investigations; and it is believed that such a volume as that now forthcoming from the New Spalding Club, of *The Place Names of West Aberdeenshire*, dealing with philologic matter of wide historic interest, would find an appropriate place in one or other section of such a series, and form an excellent example of the kind of volume which by a system of exchange would bring to the University far more than its equivalent in value. It would of course be necessary to secure that such extra copies be in different binding, and on other paper than that employed by the Club, that they be distributed "outwith the bounds of Britain," and that the University, if so availing itself, shall bear the cost price of production of such number of extra copies.

The Council, having heard the proposal, expressed

approval of the same in its general outline, as one likely to increase largely the resources of the University Library, and resolved to recommend the same for the favourable consideration of the members of the Club at its Annual Meeting, the Principal undertaking to give notice of motion in such terms as might secure such modification of Rule 10 as may be needed, in order to give effect to the proposal.*

The Council would acknowledge their continued obligation to the Society of Advocates for permitting the Annual General Meeting of the Club to be held in the Society's Hall; and to the Public Library Committee, and the Curator of the University Library, for granting the use of rooms for Committee Meetings.

W. FERGUSON, *C.*

* See Rule 10, as amended, on p. 12.

ABSTRACT

Framed from the Annual Accounts of the Club for the period from 12th December, 1896, to 23rd December, 1897.

THE CHARGE.

Assets at close of last account, . . .	£741	18	9	
Subscriptions for year 1897, . . .	507	3	0	
Subscriptions for year 1898, . . .	5	5	0	
Payments by new members for back volumes,	5	5	0	
Composition for life membership, . .	10	10	0	
Bank interest, ...	14	0	9	
Amount of the Charge, ...				£1284 2 6

THE DISCHARGE.

1897. I. MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS PAID.

Jan. 7.	British Record Soc., . . .	£1	1	0	
,, 12.	J. F. K. Johnstone, . . .	1	1	0	
,, 15.	P. Cooper, ...	0	10	6	
Mar. 17.	University Library for Rev. T. Bell,	0	10	6	
,, 25.	Cheverton & Co., . . .	0	8	10½	
,, 27.	T. R. Annan & Sons, . . .	65	14	0	
May 21.	Rev. W. Macleod, . . .	0	12	2	
,, 25.	Edmond & Spark, . . .	4	19	6	
Jun. 16.	A. King & Co., ...	4	17	7	
,, ,,	T. R. Annan & Sons, . . .	2	17	0	
Nov. 18.	Grosvenor, Chater & Co. (per Edmond & Spark), . . .	107	15	9	
,, ,,	D. Wyllie & Sons, . . .	0	7	0	
,, 29.	Miss M. Craig, ...	17	11	0	
Dec. 20.	Taylor & Henderson, . . .	73	12	6	
,, ,,	Edmond & Spark, . . .	43	5	4	
,, ,,	A. King & Co., ...	100	0	0	
					£425 3 8½
	Carry forward,				£425 3 8½

Brought forward,			£425 3 8½

II. Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

Secretary's Salary, 1896-97,			£26	5	0
Secretary's Postages, 12th Dec., 1896, to date,			7	3	4
Hon. Treasurer's sundry outlays, including Insurance on paper, etc.,			7	5	2½
				40	13 6½

III. Assets as at 23rd December, 1897.

Deposit Receipt with Town and County Bank, Ltd., dated 23rd December, 1897, being Composition received from seven Life Members,			£73	10	0
Nine do., with do., of same date,			741	15	3
Balance in hands of Hon. Treasurer,			3	0	0
				818	5 3
Amount of the Discharge, equal to the Charge,				£1284	2 6

Note.—The Miscellaneous Disbursements above are allocated as follows:—

I. "Alford Records."

Paper, 34 reams (for printing 492 pp.),	£71	0	0	
Printing: Taylor & Henderson, 49½ sheets, small pica, per estimate,	54	9	0	
,, ,, Other Types and Corrections,	19	3	6	
Binding: Edmond & Spark, Cases, per estimate,	22	1	8	
,, ,, Add for Extra Sheets,	3	14	3	
,, ,, Brass Stamp for Title,	0	10	6	
Packing,	2	13	2	
Carriage,	10	17	9	
			£184	9 10

II. "Fasti Academiae Mariscallanae." Vol. II.

Paper, say 17 reams (see also last year's Account),	£35	10	0	
Printing: A. King & Co., to Account,	100	0	0	
Illustrations,	65	17	0	
			201	7 0

III. Sundries.

Paper and Printing and Postage of Reports, Circulars, etc.,	£11	2	10	
Miscellaneous Transcribing, Stationery, etc.,	28	4	0½	
			39	6 10½
Amount of Miscellaneous Disbursements, as above,			£425	3 8½

RULES.

(As altered, 29th December, 1897.)

1. The objects of the New Spalding Club shall be to promote the study of the History, Topography, and Archæology of the North-eastern Counties of Scotland, and to print works illustrative thereof.

2. The Club shall consist of five hundred members, subscribers of one guinea annually: each subscription to be paid on or before the first day of January in each year.

3. The general management of the affairs of the Club shall be vested in a Council, consisting of a President, at least ten Vice-Presidents, and not fewer than forty ordinary members, including a Secretary and a Treasurer: all to be chosen yearly at a General Meeting of the Club, to be held at Aberdeen, in the Month of October, or at such other time within each year as may be found convenient. At all Meetings of the Council seven members shall form a quorum.

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6. The name of any member in arrear with his annual subscription on the first day of October in each year may be removed from the list of members.

7. Vacancies in the membership shall be filled up according to priority of application.

8. Members may, at any time, compound for all future annual subscriptions, by payment of ten guineas over and above the subscription for the current year; and it shall be in the power of the Council to exempt from subscriptions, annual or other, any member who may present to the Club a work, the printing of which, as a Club publication, has been sanctioned by the Council.

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REPORT TO THE COUNCIL OF THE NEW SPALDING CLUB UPON THE BURNETT MSS. PRESERVED IN THE STAATS-ARCHIV AT HANNOVER AND THE MARSHAL KEITH LETTERS IN THE ROYAL LIBRARY AT BERLIN.

BY

ROBERT SANGSTER RAIT, M.A.

1898

1. THE BURNETT MSS.

I VISITED the "Staats-archiv," Hannover, on 12th August, 1898. As the permit granted by the Government was only for inspection, I was forbidden to copy extracts, and my proceedings were watched with some care. The letters of Thomas Burnett do not form a collection, nor are they placed together or arranged in any order. Some of them are among documents entitled "Domestic"; others in a series marked "The English Succession"; and the majority in some bundles of "Leibniziana". I cannot guarantee that I have seen all the letters. At first, I was not permitted to select the Burnett MSS. from the bundles, which were examined by a clerk, who handed over to me the letters in question. Fortunately, I observed that the clerk passed over some letters in Burnett's handwriting, and I was thereafter allowed to make the selection myself. Even letters of Gilbert Burnett were considered beyond my rights, although I succeeded in glancing at two of these. I mention these things because, should the Club wish to have the Burnett letters, alone, copied, application should be made to see the whole correspondence between the Electress Sophia and England or Scotland. The Embassy assured me that the Government places no difficulties in the way of such applications; but I found that when a permit is granted, the Library officials adhere rigorously to its provisions. I beg, therefore, to advise that, in all future applications, the request should be as large as possible.

I have arranged in chronological order the nineteen letters which I examined. With a single exception (No. XV.) the letters are all in French; the handwriting is occasionally good, but usually somewhat difficult to decipher—sometimes very troublesome indeed. Before making any comment, I proceed to enumerate the letters:—

I. 7th March, 1705. A letter to Leibniz, the Secretary of the Electress, on political topics, stating the general condition of politics. A letter from Leibniz to Burnett is enclosed. It deals almost entirely with philosophical subjects, and contains a criticism of Cudworth.

II. 4th December, 1705. A letter to the Electress, relative to the proposed Union of the Parliaments.

III. . . . December, 1705. *Two* letters. One to the Electress, discussing the prospects of Union, and proposals about the representations of Scottish peers; the other to Leibniz, relating the state of Scotland and the distribution of parties, and treating of philosophical and literary matters—Locke and Addison.

IV. February (?), 1706. An account of political factions in England.

V. 18th February, 1706. A long account of ecclesiastical matters in England, with references to Scotland; the attitudes of the High Church party, and of the Nonconformists. The bearing of Church matters on the Succession underlies the whole letter.

These two letters seem to be addressed to Leibniz.

VI. 21st February, 1706. A political letter to Leibniz, the main theme of which is a proposal that the Electress should visit England.

VII. 6th April, 1706. Probably to Leibniz. A philosophical letter, discussing natural religion, and dealing with the writings of the Bishop of Gloucester, on the Divinity of Christ.

VIII. 15th October, 1706. Another philosophical letter to Leibniz, discussing the respective positions of Locke and Spinoza. At the end, some literary matters are treated, *e.g.*, the new edition of Clarendon's *History* is announced.

IX. and X. 15th and 20th January, 1707. An account of Church affairs in England and in Scotland; the position of the Church of Scotland.

XI. 18th April, 1707. A letter dealing with the Scottish Union, and the position of the Duke of Queensbery. A description of the Houses of Parliament at Westminster.

XII. 27th May, 1707. A philosophical and politico-ecclesiastical letter to Leibniz, discussing the power and rights of the Church; the state of opinion in England, and recent literature on the subject.

XIII. 21st October, 1707. A continuation of the subject of No. XII., with special reference to a book on the rights of the Church, just published by a former chaplain of Lauderdale. The letter closes with references to Lady Masham, and to political affairs.

XIV. 27th March, 1708 (?). A letter to Leibniz, dealing with the condition of politics and literature.

XV. 7th February, 1709. A letter to the Electress, in English, announcing that the Queen is better, and, consequently, that there is no news; and proceeding to literary topics. He gives an account of

two books which he sends—one is Temple's *History*, and the other he calls a speculative book—probably Locke.

XVI. 10th June, 1713. *Two* letters, one to the Electress, dealing with politics—the position of Sunderland; and the other, probably to Leibniz, treating of literature—Ayliffe's *History of Oxford*, and containing references to Pope. The first of those letters contains the following sentence, which illustrates the kind of information given in letters dealing with the general political condition—"The Jacobites in their assemblies, in praying for the Queen, use the general term, 'our sovereign,' which (not being feminine gender in English) can mean the Pretender".

XVII. 10th June, 1713, to Leibniz. A letter dealing with politics, and the probable movements of the Jacobite party.

I saw only these nineteen letters and two fragments. But, from references in letters, and in view of the long space of time (eight years) over which these letters are distributed, I gathered that many more must have been written. Probably some of these are still extant, although I was assured that all possible bundles had been laid before me.

The letters, then, in addition to their containing a few personal references to Burnett's own life, possess three distinct kinds of interest.

(1). Political.

(2). Philosophical.

(3). Literary.

Of these, the political very clearly predominates. The literary references are somewhat obvious, and do not possess any very great importance—although, of course, it is impossible to say when they might not be valuable evidence for fixing dates, etc. The philosophical importance of the letters lies in Burnett's references to the opinions of Leibniz, and to the view of Locke entertained by Leibniz. The political references are valuable as presenting a fresh and faithful picture of the situation as it presented itself to the friends of the Hanoverian Succession.

It is clear, form the nature of the case, that, for the purposes of the Club, a considerable amount of annotation would be necessary to make the letters intelligible, because they contain references that can be understood only by those who have a minute knowledge of the circumstances. And as the letters themselves are scattered over so long a period, marked by so many important political events, it is a question to be considered by the Council, whether their publication (say, in the *Miscellany* of the Club) would, of itself, be of any great importance or value.

The Burnett letters form a part of a large correspondence between the Electress Sophia and prominent British politicans, during the reign of Queen Anne. The archives which I saw, contained letters from Buckingham, Strafford, Raby, the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Bishop of Salisbury, and many others. If the subject is not beyond the province of the New Spalding Club, I should venture to lay before the Council the suggestion that a volume of the correspondence of the Electress Sophia with regard to the British Succession, would be of great historical value. Certain letters of this nature have been printed by Von Ranke and by James Macpherson: and the Director of the Staats-Archiv at Hannover has published, in German, two volumes of the letters of the Electress. But the first is only a selection of a few letters, and the latter is not relative to the Succession to the British Crown.

I am sorry not to have been able to make extracts: but is is obvious that any statement of the general condition of politics in Queen Anne's reign, must be of peculiar importance in Scottish history, and such a statement exists, as no where else, in the numerous letters which I was allowed simply to touch at Hannover. Especially is this remark true, from the point of view of the Court of Hannover. The great obstacle to the Act of Settlement was the opposition to it in Scotland, and the union of the parliaments was regarded, at Hannover, as the most important step towards the establishment of the House of Brunswick on the British throne. The letters abound, therefore, in allusions to Scotland, and Scottish noblemen, while the letters of Thomas and Gilbert Burnett connect the subject more particularly with the North-Eastern district.

In venturing to make this suggestion to the Council, I do not wish to imply that the Burnett letters would not, of themselves, be of interest. I hope that my report will enable the Council to judge of that. I desire merely to point out that in this correspondence, there is offered to the Council an opportunity of making a very valuable addition to historical documents, while keeping, I think, within the lines of the general interests of the Club.

2. THE KEITH MSS.

The MSS. consist of copies of thirteen letters, containing about 74,500 words, in English, in excellent handwriting. The volume is marked MS. Germ., Fol. 551, and the catalogue bears that it is "Copiae epistolarum quae in Bibliotheca Sussexiana adservantur," presented by General Hebeler on 30th November, 1843.

I was forbidden to copy on any large scale, the terms of the permit not covering that; but I was permitted to make short extracts. I have numbered the letters in accordance with their order in the volume (which is not chronological).

I. Letter from Keith, dated Berlin, 17th May, 1775, to the Chevalier John Drummond, urging him to take service in Russia, and describing the condition of the navies of Europe.

Drummond was a grandson of the fourth Earl of Perth, and served under Prince Charlie in the '45. He was a cousin of Keith, who describes him as his "adopted military son," and who desired him to enter the service of the Empress of Russia, and to carry out the plans he had formed for the expansion of the Russian Empire.

II. Do. to do., from Berlin, 14th February, 1755. Describing the population and military establishment of the powers of Europe, from information collected by Frederick the Great, the writer incidentally remarks to his correspondent: "Your generous heart and well-disposed mind is as attached as mine is to the land of our ancestors".

III. Do. to do., from Berlin, 17th February, 1756—prefaced by a note of the copyist, "This description was taken in 1741". It contains a description of Constantinople, aiming at giving "a clear idea of Constantinople, as it stands connected with those situations, avenues and countries, which are fit to produce the greatest intercourse of commerce, navigation, population and happiness to mankind, while virtue and abilities animate the Russian Government," and pointing out the wisdom of Russia's aiming at Constantinople. Enclosed is an extract from a letter "written to me by my uncle, your noble grandfather, the Lord High Chancellor of Scotland, James, the fourth Earl of Perth, from St. Germains-en-saye, the 18th of December, 1715, with a view

to engage me to seek service in Russia, after our being sacrificed by France in Scotland in the affair of the Earl of Mar's scheme in in 1715."

IV. Do. to do., from Potsdam, 19th April, 1756—a disquisition on Alexander the Great's invasion of Asia. Keith gives "some leading rules of action when you rise into confidence with the Sovereign [of Russia]," working on the analogy with Alexander, and, *e.g.*, advising "progressive boundaries as opposed to rapid conquest," contrasting Alexander with Peter the Great, and pointing out the mistakes of Spain and France. "England has the vanity and folly to imagine herself equal to an extended territorial empire in America. She will repent when it is too late . . . her venality of government, and the vice and avarice of her factions of power and national plunder will finish her career. The nature of her climate, soil, air, and her inherent stamina will again revive her, and therefore Britain cannot sink into a Province, but for a season; for after all her spurious breed are exhausted, her distant mountains and remote valleys will again repeople the land." The writer then returns to the work accomplished by Peter the Great.

V. Keith to Lord Drummond, the father of the Chevalier. No date.

An account of his relations with the Empress of Russia: "As you know the reason which forced me to leave Russia, after her royal determination to raise me to a hight [*sic*] which would have been both my destruction and her ruin, of which she was soon convinced—even the day after my departure, when she but barely intimated her design.

"In all her letters to me, which must remain a sacred pledge of her gracious friendship, confidence, and unbounded attachment, she acknowledges my foresight, prudence and moderation, ever repeating these emphatic words: 'Alas! Keith! I am, as you well know, but a woman. So was Zenobia, the wife of Odenatus, who was, as you was [*sic*], her general, her hero, and the conqueror of many Scythian provinces, besides all Persia, Arabia and Armenia. Odenatus crossed the Neister; and all those traits which first marked in my mind your spirit, wisdom and valour, and first discovered to me that you were the only general, martially, geographically, and politically, who perfectly understood the grand projects of my great and good Parent, and who adopted your own new and unequalled skill in war to the maxims of Peter the Great, and who had a soul, suited by the great God of the universe, to comprehend, and powers alone to execute them, had you remained with

me; so are you the only man alive who can, in time to come, train up a son, if he possesses your mind, to execute the plans of Peter the Great, under your improvements." . . . This letter is dated Petersburgh, the 11th November, 1755. . . . It is well known I often refused the title of Prince, even of the Empire, and my reasons are on record; and the Empress well knows, had I condescended to her wishes, I had perished the next day. I know the temper and mind of her Court, and the enmity which reigned against me for the confidence already placed in me; besides being a foreigner, and deemed by those who knew not better, an Englishman." The letter then proceeds to the opinions of Peter the Great, and quotes "a genuine speech of the Emperor to his senators and officers, after the gallant action at sea with that noble Swede, Admiral Ehrenshield, . . . early in September, 1714," and another speech "lately sent me, copied by the Empress from her Father's own hand-writing, as it was spoken," urging the extermination of the Turks, or their civilisation. A comparison follows between Peter the Great and the most famous generals of history, with an assertion of the folly of thinking that it is "the interest of the commercial nations of Europe to maintain the Turks in splendour".

VI. Keith to Lord Edward Drummond, from Berlin, 18th October, 1755, congratulating him on his son's safe return from "his arduous and perilous voyage into Mexico and California and the coast of New Spain," with an extract from the youth's "speech and expressions to the King in the presence of his ministers at Madrid, upon presenting the Journals, Draughts, Charts and Documents" of the expedition. Keith remarks: "The idea which your son had conceived of opening the neck or narrow space of continent between the *cul-de-sac* of Darien with the South Sea at or near Panama, and there dividing that grand continent, is a splendid imagination". After a panegyric on Peter the Great, he returns to his "project for the final subjection of the Ottoman Empire".

VII. Chevalier Drummond to Keith, from London, 20th May, 1756, with thanks for Keith's kindness. He enters into a comparison of Peter the Great with Henry IV. of France and Alexander the Great, and thereafter contrasts the corrupt state of most European countries, and especially of Great Britain, with the condition of Russia.

VIII. Keith to the Empress of Russia, from Berlin, 10th December, 1754.

After personal touches and references, the writer proceeds to his main theme—the future of Drummond, for whom he asks the favour of the Empress.

He then proceeds to warn the Empress against corruption and sycophants, saying that Peter the Great and Frederick the Great have proved the possibility of a Court's existence without flatterers and fawners. In a postscript he mentions, "The King has furnished me with a new table of calculations of the population of Europe, the number of square miles it contains, the revenue of each nation, and the forces of each kingdom". The details follow.

IX. Berlin, 20th December, 1755.

A description of the life and work of Peter the Great, with personal recollections of his "prophetic sayings," and of his wise rule. "Peter the Great took example from the wise powers of the North, Sweden, Denmark, Scotland, Holland and Prussia, where the priesthood are confined to labour but in the vineyard of Divinity and Morality; or suffer pains and penalties for misdemeanour and crimes". A comparison with other nations. "The aim of France is now clearly seen; her design to grasp at the House of Austria which the folly, ignorance, or corrupt Policy, or, rather, want of any rational system of Policy, at this day in Britain has given up." Observations on the condition of politics.

X. Keith to the Chevalier Drummond, from Berlin, 2nd November, 1748. An account of "my propositions for the future aggrandisement of Russia by finally driving the Ottomans out of Europe"; military advice, and an estimate of the generalship of Peter the Great.

XI. Keith to the Chevalier Drummond, from Berlin, 10th December, 1748. Plan, "by which I am to suppose the Empire of Russia able to proceed to the reduction of Bessarabia"—a military letter.

XII. Do. to do. [1748, and], 15th May, 1755. Scheme for the extension of the Russian Empire developed. Another military letter.

Note by the Chevalier John Drummond to this letter: "The plan of this letter was laid in 1748, and designed to be sent to me before I had engaged to go into the service of Spain; but Marischal Keith, finding that I had preferred going into Spanish America, in order to make a tour of the vast region belonging to Spain, Portugal, Holland, and France, as well as British America, this letter was not sent to me until my return to Europe, and that the Marischall had received new hopes of my going to Russia; he sent it then as the suit of our former correspondence, in order still to make me master of his plans and views, but his interest in Russia then could not procure me the rank I held in Spain and France—of course I engaged on the new military service, after retiring from the service of France. In 1756, my private affairs in the West Indies required my presence. I left Europe, and did not return till 1770. Marischal Keith having been slain, I had no interest in Russia

whatever. My desire was to serve in that Empire, and knowing that high rank is not to be obtained without a series of important services, I remained as I am, however anxious to forward the plans of my illustrious Cousin—but seeing these now taken up, and followed with success, I judged these letters necessary for the Empress to examine, at this time, as has been suggested to me."

XIII. Letter from George Baldwin, to the Hon. John Drummond, 60 Jermyn Street, London, dated from Constantinople, 27th September, 1791.

The writer remarks on his correspondent's "uncommon knowledge and prognostics of the Russian successes in all their undertakings," and goes on to say "I feel with no small indignation, the presumption of the present ministry of Great Britain, in vainly aiming to mediate a peace between Russia and the Porte," which attempt he describes as a "Pittism," and makes it the text for a fierce denunciation of Pitt. "In order to convince you of the opinion of Mr. Pitt's orders to the English Ambassador [Sir. R. Ainslie] here follows the *verbatim* reply of the Vizier. I need not tell you how I have got it; Mrs. Baldwin explains it to you in her letter." The "reply" consists of a violent invective against the immoral and deceitful policy of Great Britain, with which the Vizier declines to enter into any relations whatsoever.

The chronological order of Keith's own eleven letters is :—X., XI., XII., VIII., II., I., VI. ,IX., III., IV. From internal evidence, V. appears to be about the same date as IX. Drummond's letter is between III. and IV. and XII., in its final form, comes between II. and I.

The MSS. are not of sufficient size to form a separate book. They would be suitable for the next volume of the *Miscellany* of the Club.

I desire to acknowledge the help of Sir William Geddes and of Sir M. E. Grant Duff in obtaining access to the documents, and the kindness of Lord Gough, of the British Embassy at Berlin, who spared no trouble in securing permission within the limited time at my disposal, and who gave me every assistance.

R. S. R.

King's College,
Old Aberdeen, *August*, 1898.

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TWELFTH REPORT BY THE COUNCIL.

Approved at the Twelfth Annual General Meeting of the New Spalding Club, held on Wednesday, 28th December, 1898, at 2·30 p.m.

SINCE the last General Meeting of the Club, held on Wednesday, 29th December, 1897, there has been issued to members:—

> FASTI ACADEMIÆ MARISCALLANAE: Selections from the Records of the Marischal College and University. Edited by the Secretary. Vol. II.: Officers, Graduates and Alumni. (Pp. xxii. + 596, with thirteen plates.)

In connection with the publication of the Second Volume of the FASTI, the Council deems it proper to put on record a resolution unanimously adopted, on the 3rd inst., by the Senatus Academicus of the University of Aberdeen:—

> "The Senatus desires cordially to acknowledge the distinguished service rendered by the New Spalding Club in including among their issues the series of Volumes relating to the Fasti of both Colleges, and presenting an admirable contribution to Academic History, *viz.*, the Volumes entitled *King's College Officers and Graduates*, of date 1893, and *Records of Marischal College and University*, Vol. I., 1889, and Vol. II., 1898. The Senatus desires to recognise in particular the eminent services of the Secretary of

the Club, who has bestowed immense labour on the editing of those records, and to congratulate him on the success of his loyal efforts to illustrate the annals of his *Alma Mater*."

It was arranged, it will be remembered, that the FASTI, Volume II. should form, because of its bulk, the single issue for 1897. A very elaborate Index has been prepared as a labour of love by Mr. Kellas Johnstone. The Editorial Committee decided that it was inadvisable to include this Index, extending to about 200 pages, in the already bulky Volume II.; and it will accordingly be bound separately and delivered to members with the book next ready for issue. It will contain the coloured plate of the Heraldic Ceiling in Old Marischal College, reproduced for the Club in 1890 by the late Dr. Francis Edmond.

FASTI ACADEMIÆ MARISCALLANAE. Vol. III.: Index to Vol. II. Compiled by J. F. Kellas Johnstone. (Pp. 196 + viii., with three plates.)

It is matter of regret that it has been found impossible to issue within the year 1898 either of the two works which the Council in its last Report expected to be able to distribute as the issues for that year; and we can only report progress as follows regarding these works which are passing slowly through the press:—

THE PLACE NAMES OF WEST ABERDEENSHIRE. Prepared by the late James Macdonald, Huntly. As formerly explained, the printing of this volume was delayed by the death of Mr. Macdonald in 1897. The proofs are being read by Mr. Macdonald's nephew, Mr. Charles Edward Troup, C.B., and by Professor Mackinnon of the Celtic Chair in Edinburgh University.

Records of Old Aberdeen. Edited by Alexander M. Munro. Vol. I., containing Charters and other Writs affecting the Burgh, 1489- ; Extracts from the Town Council Minutes, 1602- ; Extracts from the Burgh Accounts, 1660- ; the Burgess Roll; the Honorary Burgess Roll; Extracts from the Merchant Society's Records, 1686- ; Extracts from the Records of the Trades, Hammermen, Weavers, etc., 1616- . The second volume will contain: Extracts from the Kirk Session Records; Charters, etc., relating to Ecclesiastical foundations other than the Cathedral; Monumental and other inscriptions in Churches and Churchyards; Extracts from Records of the Hospitals of Old Aberdeen; Extracts from Miscellaneous Papers treating of the Burgh.

There are also now ready for the press two other works which, in last Report, were provisionally indicated as the issues for 1899:—

Historical and Estate Records of Invercauld. Edited by the Rev. J. G. Michie, M.A. A selection from the papers in the Invercauld Charter Chest, including many documents relating to the Forty-Five.

The Diary of the Scots College at Douai. Edited by the Rev. W. Forbes Leith, S.J.

A considerable portion of a History of the Family of Burnett (dealing with the main line of Leys) was prepared for the Club by the late George Burnett, LL.D., Lyon King of Arms. The Council are now glad to be able to intimate that Colonel Allardyce has undertaken the task of editing the Lyon's MS., and adding details as to the Kemnay and Monboddo branches of the family. This, it is hoped, will form part of the issues for 1900.

Sir Thomas Burnett of Leys, Bart., who has shown much interest in the publication of his kinsman's work, has generously promised to incur extra expense for illustrations, etc., which might add to the value and enhance the appearance of the volume. It was at one time the intention of the late Lyon to incorporate in the Family History a selection from the correspondence of Thomas Burnett of Kemnay with the Electress Sophia, the philosopher Leibnitz, and others, preserved in the Staats-Archiv at Hanover. Through the courteous intervention of Sir Mountstuart Grant Duff, who used his kind offices with the British Embassy at Berlin, permission was obtained from the German Government to examine the letters; and Mr. Robert S. Rait, of New College, Oxford, a member of the Club, visited Hanover in August last. Mr. Rait has submitted to the Council a very full report on the Burnett correspondence. While indicating that the letters possess much interest, political, philosophical and literary, Mr. Rait deprecates their insertion in a Family History, and suggests in preference their inclusion, either in a volume of *Miscellanies*, or in a volume of Correspondence of the Electress Sophia with regard to the British Succession—a work which, in such a form, might scarcely be considered to come within the sphere of the Club. The Editorial Committee has approved the non-inclusion of these letters in the volume to be edited by Colonel Allardyce.

By agreement with the executrix of the late Dr. Walter Gregor, his manuscripts dealing with the FOLK-LORE OF NORTH-EASTERN SCOTLAND have been placed for examination in the hands of the Rev. Mr. Reid, Minister of Balmaghie. Should Mr. Reid consider them suitable for publication by the New Spalding Club, a Member of the Club has generously offered to defray the cost of acquiring the manuscripts from Dr. Gregor's executrix.

Two other possible works, falling within the scope of the

Club's operations, have been suggested to the Council, and will be duly considered by the Editorial Committee, as soon as more definite information is forthcoming as to their probable extent.

Mr. David Littlejohn, Sheriff-Clerk, believes that materials exist for a book which might be generally described as THE SHERIFFDOM OF ABERDEEN: Matters of interest in connection therewith, taken from the Records of the Court and other sources. This might include an account of the Heritable office of Sheriff, and of the other offices of the Sheriffdom, with a chronological List of the various officers who have from time to time carried on the work; an account of the Fiars, which go back in the Sheriff Court to 1604; selections from early criminal trials, and from proceedings of Head Courts; elections of Commissioners to the Scottish Parliaments, etc.

Mr. John Malcolm Bulloch, whose excursions in the domain of Gordon genealogy have recently attracted considerable attention, urges on the Council that the Club should aspire to produce an exhaustive HISTORY OF THE HOUSE OF GORDON. Such a work has indeed been on the programme of the Club since the Second Report by the Council, dated 1888, and was spoken of at the initial meeting of the original Spalding Club in 1839; but it is one which it seems to be impossible for any one man to overtake within a reasonable time, and which would be feasible only by co-operation of experts in the different branches of the family, subject to the direction of a general editor. Mr. Bulloch points out that the story of the Gordons is practically the story of Northern Scotland for 500 years, and that the vitality and far-reaching power of the family and the extraordinarily active part they have played in the affairs of Europe would cause the work to be, not a dull series of genealogical data, but a genuine contribution to history.

Other works on the programme of the Club are :—

Bibliography of the Shires of Aberdeen, Banff and Kincardine. Edited by A. W. Robertson, M.A., and J. F. Kellas Johnstone. A sub-Committee appointed to confer with the Editors regarding the scope and arrangement of this work, submitted a report, which was approved by the Editorial Committee. Under this report, the inclusion of books will depend upon their Subject, or their Publisher, or their Author ; and the book will be divided into two parts, Part I., a chronological and bibliographical catalogue, and Part II., an abbreviated alphabetical list, serving as an Author Index to Part I., and including books not falling within the province of Part I. These will be followed by Indexes of Publishers, of Printers, of Titles of anonymous books, and of Subjects.

Register of the Scots College at Rome.

Records from the Archives of Middelburg, Flushing, Campvere, etc.

Papers of David Skene, M.D.

Records of the Synod of Moray. With Fasti of Schoolmasters.

Collections for the History of Kincardineshire.

Collections for the History of Forfarshire.

History of the Family of Forbes.

Records of the Red, Black, White and Grey Friars of Aberdeen, 1211-1560.

Miscellany of the Club. Vol. II.

Musa Latina Aberdonensis. Vol. III.

Iconographia Scotica Septentrionalis.

The Treasurer reports £520 12s. 10d. of receipts during the past year, and £487 9s. 4d. of expenditure ; distributed as shown in the Abstract appended to this Report. The Club has now been in existence for twelve years, the inaugural meeting having been held on 11th November, 1886 ; and it may be of interest

to note that the total receipts during that period amount to £6599 14s. 4d. (including £73 10s. from Life Members); the total expenditure amounts to £5748 5s. 7d.

The death roll of the Club during the past year has been exceptionally heavy, no fewer than twenty names falling to be removed from the list of members, *viz.*, Mr. John Campbell, Edinburgh; Mr. Alexander Collie, Harlaw House; Mr. George Cooper, Aberdeen, who for many years acted as one of the auditors of the Club; Mr. John Crombie, junior, Danestone; Mr. Peter Duguid of Bourtie; Mr. John Ritchie Findlay of Aberlour; Mr. James Florence, Aberdeen; Mr. Clement W. R. Gordon, Banff; Mr. John Keith, Aberdeen; Sir Henry C. Macandrew, Inverness; the Right Rev. Bishop Hugh Macdonald, Aberdeen; the Rev. Nicholas K. Macleod, Ellon; Mr. A. W. Martin, Aberdeen; Mr. James Matthews of Springhill, LL.D., a member of the Council; Mr. Alexander Milne, solicitor, Aberdeen; Mr. Thomas Morrison, LL.D., Glasgow; the Rev. George Proctor, Kemnay; Mr. Charles Robertson, Indian Civil Service, Edinburgh; Mr. David Taylor, Aberdeen; the Rev. John Woodward, LL.D., Montrose, a member of the Council and of the Editorial Committee. The places rendered vacant by some of these deaths have been filled by representatives of the deceased members, but other vacancies admit of the accession of new members.

The Council would acknowledge its continued obligation to the Society of Advocates for permitting the Annual General Meeting of the Club to be held in the Society's Hall; and to the Public Library Committee, and the Curator of the University Library, for granting the use of rooms for Committee Meetings.

The Council cannot conclude its Report without expressing the pleasure it feels under the announcement that Lord Aberdeen intends to be present and to preside at the forthcoming meeting of the Club. It is a great satisfaction to be able to

witness his Lordship again in the Presidential Chair of the Club which he did so much to inaugurate, and to congratulate him on the successful completion of those high and august functions as Governor-General of Canada, which detained him for a long period on the other side of the Atlantic. The Club feels a reflex honour in the distinction of its Chief, and anticipates from his renewed presence fresh encouragement and added stimulus in its sphere of operations.

J. DOVE WILSON, *C.*

ABSTRACT

Framed from the Annual Accounts of the Club for the period from 23rd December, 1897, to 23rd December, 1898.

THE CHARGE.

Assets at close of last account, . . .	£818	5	3
Subscriptions for year 1898, . . .	476	14	0
Subscriptions for year 1899, . . .	14	14	0
Payments by new members for back volumes,	11	0	6
Bank interest, ...	18	4	4
Amount of the Charge, ...			£1338 18 1

THE DISCHARGE.

1898.	I. Miscellaneous Accounts Paid.				
Feb. 2.	Mr. J. F. K. Johnstone: outlays, .	£1	1	0	
,, 10.	,, ,, ,, .	0	11	10½	
,, ,,	Miss M. Craig: transcribing, .	2	8	3	
Mar. 1.	British Record Society, Scottish Series: subscription, . .	1	1	2	
June 6.	A. King & Co.: printing, . .	5	18	7	
,, ,,	Edmond & Spark: stationery, etc.,	2	3	7	
,, ,,	D. Wyllie & Sons: books, . .	0	10	0	
Sep. 16.	Milne & Hutchison: printing, .	25	0	0	
,, 27.	Mr. R. S. Rait: outlays, . .	4	0	0	
Oct. 10.	A. King & Co.: printing, . .	149	18	3	
Nov. 17.	Grosvenor, Chater & Co.: paper,	208	11	0	
Dec. 12.	A. King & Co.: printing, . .	1	11	4	
,, 23.	Edmond & Spark: binding, .	46	10	0	
	Carry forward,				£449 5 0½

Brought forward,	£449	5	0½

II. Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

Secretary's Salary, 1897-98,	£26	5	0			
Secretary's Postages, 23rd Dec., 1897, to date,	6	9	5			
Hon. Treasurer's sundry outlays, including Insurance on paper, etc.,	5	9	10½			
				38	4	3½

III. Assets as at 23rd December, 1898.

Loan to Aberdeen School Board,	£350	0	0			
Deposit Receipt with Town and County Bank, Ltd., being Composition received from seven Life Members,	73	10	0			
Six do., with do.,	426	5	0			
Balance in hands of Hon. Treasurer,	1	13	9			
				851	8	9
Amount of the Discharge, equal to the Charge,				£1338	18	1

Note.—The Miscellaneous Disbursements above are allocated as follows:—

I. "Fasti Academiae Mariscallanae." Vol. II.

Paper (see previous Account).						
Printing: A. King & Co.,	£149	18	3			
Binding: Edmond & Spark,	30	16	5			
Packing,	2	13	2			
Carriage, etc.,	14	13	3½			
				£198	1	1½

II. "Fasti Academiae Mariscallanae." Vol. III.

Paper,				29	0	0

III. "Place Names of West Aberdeenshire."

Paper,	£28	0	0			
Printing: Milne & Hutchison, to Account,	25	0	0			
				53	0	0

IV. Sundries.

Books of reference,	£1	11	2			
Paper, Printing and Postage of Reports, Circulars, etc.,	10	1	10			
Miscellaneous Transcribing, Stationery, etc.,	3	10	11			
Mr. Rait's expenses in Germany,	4	0	0			
Paper in hand,	150	0	0			
				169	3	11
Amount of Miscellaneous Disbursements, as above,				£449	5	0½

RULES.

(*As altered, 29th December*, 1897.)

1. The objects of the New Spalding Club shall be to promote the study of the History, Topography, and Archæology of the North-eastern Counties of Scotland, and to print works illustrative thereof.

2. The Club shall consist of five hundred members, subscribers of one guinea annually: each subscription to be paid on or before the first day of January in each year.

3. The general management of the affairs of the Club shall be vested in a Council, consisting of a President, at least ten Vice-Presidents, and not fewer than forty ordinary members, including a Secretary and a Treasurer: all to be chosen yearly at a General Meeting of the Club, to be held at Aberdeen, in the Month of October, or at such other time within each year as may be found convenient. At all Meetings of the Council seven members shall form a quorum.

4. Immediately after the Annual General Meeting the Council shall elect Acting Committees to carry on the work of the Club.

5. The accounts of the Club shall be audited annually, by two Auditors, to be chosen at the Annual Meeting from among the members.

6. The name of any member in arrear with his annual subscription on the first day of October in each year may be removed from the list of members.

7. Vacancies in the membership shall be filled up according to priority of application.

8. Members may, at any time, compound for all future annual subscriptions, by payment of ten guineas over and above the subscription for the current year; and it shall be in the power of the Council to exempt from subscriptions, annual or other, any member who may present to the Club a work, the printing of which, as a Club publication, has been sanctioned by the Council.

9. Every member shall receive one copy of every volume assigned by the Club to the years for which he has paid subscriptions; and the editor of each work shall receive five additional copies of his work. The heir, executor or representative of a member shall have no claim to volumes issued by the Club after the member's death, unless he be admitted a member of the Club in place of the deceased.

10. The number of copies printed in each case shall not exceed five hundred and twenty-five, and no copy of any work printed by the Club shall be offered by it for sale; but it shall be competent for the Editorial Committee to arrange for extra copies not exceeding twenty-five, additional to the five hundred and twenty-five, of any volume considered appropriate, to be placed at the disposal of the University of Aberdeen, which shall refund to the Club the prime cost of such extra copies, and employ them, outwith the bounds of the United Kingdom, as part of a series of inter-academical publications.

11. The Club shall undertake the issue of its books without the intervention of publishers or booksellers.

12. A General Meeting of the Club may be called at any time on presentation to the Secretary of a requisition signed by twenty members; and the above rules may be altered at any General Meeting, provided that the members have received from the Secretary at least fourteen days' notice of the proposed change.

WORKS ISSUED BY THE NEW SPALDING CLUB.

1887 — MEMORIALS OF THE FAMILY OF SKENE OF SKENE, FROM THE FAMILY PAPERS, WITH OTHER ILLUSTRATIVE DOCUMENTS. Edited by William Forbes Skene, D.C.L., LL.D., Her Majesty's Historiographer for Scotland. (Pp. 269 + xv., with six full-page plates. First Annual Report.)

1887 — CARTULARIUM ECCLESIAE SANCTI NICHOLAI ABERDONENSIS. Recognovit Jacobus Cooper, A.M., in Ecclesia supradicta Presbyter. Tomus prior. (Pp. 278 + xix., with three plates. List of members, 11th November, 1887.)

1888 — LACUNAR BASILICAE SANCTI MACARII ABERDONENSIS: The Heraldic Ceiling of the Cathedral Church of St. Machar, Old Aberdeen. Described in Historical and Armorial Detail by William Duguid Geddes, LL.D., and Peter Duguid. (Pp. 172 + xix., with thirty plates, twenty-four in heraldic colours. Second Annual Report.)

1889 — FASTI ACADEMIAE MARISCALLANAE: Selections from the Records of the Marischal College and University, MDXCIII.-MDCCCLX. Edited by Peter John Anderson, M.A., LL.B. Vol. I. Endowments. (Pp. 577 + xxxi., with five plates.)

1890 — SELECTIONS FROM WODROW'S BIOGRAPHICAL COLLECTIONS: Divines of the North-east of Scotland. Edited by the Reverend Robert Lippe. (Pp. 360 + lxxxv., with two plates. Third Annual Report.)

1890 — THE MISCELLANY OF THE NEW SPALDING CLUB. Vol. I. (Pp. 391 + lxii. Fourth Annual Report. List of members, 12th December, 1890.)

1891 — CARTULARIUM ECCLESIAE SANCTI NICHOLAI ABERDONENSIS. Recognovit Jacobus Cooper, S.T.D. Tomus alter. (Pp. 496 + lxvi., with twelve plates, eight in colour.)

1891 — THE ANNALS OF BANFF. Compiled by William Cramond, M.A., Schoolmaster of Cullen. Vol. I. (Pp. 385 + xv., with nine plates.)

1892 — MUSA LATINA ABERDONENSIS: Arthur Johnston. Vol. I. The Parerga of 1637. Edited by Sir William Duguid Geddes, LL.D. (Pp. 318 + xxiv., with six plates. Fifth Annual Report.)

1892 — THE ANNALS OF BANFF. Compiled by William Cramond, M.A., LL.D. Vol. II. (Pp. 498 + xi., with eleven plates. Sixth Annual Report.)

1893 — OFFICERS AND GRADUATES OF UNIVERSITY AND KING'S COLLEGE, ABERDEEN, MVD.-MDCCCLX. Edited by Peter John Anderson, M.A., LL.B. (Pp. 399 + xx., with four plates.)

1893 *Cont* HECTORIS BOETII MURTHLACENSIUM ET ABERDONENSIUM EPISCOPORUM VITAE. Edited and Translated by James Moir, M.A., LL.D., Co-Rector of Aberdeen Grammar School. (Pp. 210 + xx., with two plates. Seventh Annual Report. List of members, 30th June, 1894.)

1894 THE RECORDS OF ABOYNE, MCCXXX.-MDCLXXXI. Edited by Charles, 11th Marquis of Huntly, Earl of Aboyne, etc., P.C., LL.D. (Pp. 590 + xliv., with eleven plates.)

1895 HISTORICAL PAPERS RELATING TO THE JACOBITE PERIOD, 1699-1750. Edited by Colonel James Allardyce, LL.D. Vol. I. (Pp. 338 + l., with eleven plates.)

MUSA LATINA ABERDONENSIS: Arthur Johnston. Vol. II. The Epigrammata and remaining secular Poems. Edited by Sir William Duguid Geddes, LL.D. Pp. 308 + lvi., with nine plates. Eighth Annual Report.)

1896 HISTORICAL PAPERS RELATING TO THE JACOBITE PERIOD, 1699-1750. Edited by Colonel James Allardyce, LL.D. Vol. II. (Pp. 314 + lii., with twelve plates. Ninth Annual Report.)

THE RECORDS OF THE MEETING OF THE EXERCISE OF ALFORD, 1662-88. Edited by the Reverend Thomas Bell. (Pp. 439 + xlix. Tenth Annual Report.)

1897 FASTI ACADEMIAE MARISCALLANAE: Selections from the Records of Marischal College and University, MDXCIII.-MDCCCLX. Edited by Peter John Anderson, M.A., LL.B. Vol. II. Officers, Graduates and Alumni. (Pp. 596 + xxii., with thirteen plates.)

Do. do. Vol. III. Index to Vol. II. Compiled by James F. Kellas Johnstone. Pp. 196 + viii., with three plates. Eleventh and Twelfth Annual Reports. List of Members, 1894-98.)

1898 THE PLACE NAMES OF WEST ABERDEENSHIRE. Prepared by the late James Macdonald. (*In the press.*)

RECORDS OF OLD ABERDEEN. Edited by Alexander M. Munro. Vol. I. (*In the press.*)

1899 THE DIARY OF THE SCOTS COLLEGE AT DOUAI. Edited by the Rev. W. Forbes Leith, S.J. (*In the press.*)

HISTORICAL AND ESTATE RECORDS OF INVERCAULD. Edited by the Rev. J. G. Michie, M.A. (*In the press.*)

1900 HISTORY OF THE FAMILY OF BURNETT. Edited by the late George Burnett, LL.D., Lyon King of Arms, and Colonel James Allardyce, LL.D. (*In preparation.*)

ANOTHER WORK, not yet selected.

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FOURTEENTH REPORT BY THE COUNCIL.

Approved at the Fourteenth Annual General Meeting of the New Spalding Club, held on Wednesday, 26th December, 1900, at 2.30 p.m.

THE Council feel that they cannot begin their Annual Report without putting on record their sense of the irreparable loss sustained by the Club through the death of Sir William D. Geddes. The late Principal was one of those who in the Summer of 1886 took steps to resuscitate the Spalding Club, from the outset he was one of its Vice-Presidents and a member of the Business and Editorial Committees, and since 1889 he acted as Convener of the latter. Two of the works issued by the Club appeared under his editorship: the HERALDIC CEILING OF THE CATHEDRAL OF S. MACHAR (in conjunction with Mr. Duguid McCombie); and the MUSA LATINA ABERDONENSIS, of which two volumes were completed. Apart, however, from these direct services, the Club benefited in many ways by the deep interest which the Principal ever took in its prosperity. With characteristic regularity he attended the meetings of Council and Committees; and on four occasions he was called on to take the chair at the Annual General Meeting of the Club, which never failed to gain interest and dignity under his presidency.

Other members of the Club who have died since the last Report submitted by the Council are the Marquis of Bute, one of the Vice-Presidents; Mr. George Cadenhead, Aberdeen, and Dr. C. B. Davidson, Aberdeen, members of the Council; Mr.

James Allan, Aberdeen; Sir William Cunliffe Brooks, Bart.; Mr. John Cumming, Fintray; Mr. George Auldjo Jamieson, Edinburgh; Mr. W. H. Lumsden of Balmedie; Mr. Charles McHardy, Aberdeen; Mr. William Mitchell, Aberdeen; Mr. George Russell, Wandsworth; and Mr. A. R. Turnbull, Banchory.

Since the first appointment of Committees in 1886, the Editorial Committee has lost by death Mr. Charles Elphinstone Dalrymple, Dr. George Grub, Dr. William Alexander and Rev. Dr. Woodward; while the Business Committee has lost Mr. Patrick H. Chalmers, the original Honorary Treasurer, Dr. John Webster, Dr. Francis Edmond and Dr. C. B. Davidson. The impossibility of adequately filling up the convenership left vacant by Sir William Geddes' death leads the Council to recommend that the functions of the separate Editorial and Business Committees should be combined, and that the general management of the affairs of the Club should be entrusted to a single body to be styled the Executive Committee of the Council.

At the last General Meeting of the Club, held on Wednesday, 27th December, 1899, it was agreed, on the motion of Professor Dove Wilson, seconded by the Rev. James Smith, B.D., "That the New Spalding Club represent to the authorities charged with the revision and completion of the Ordnance Survey that every effort should be made to preserve a record of old place names, and of the old boundaries of parishes, towns and counties; and the Club would in particular direct attention to the fact that in many cases where small estates and houses have disappeared, the names survive as names of fields, or of natural features". After some correspondence on the subject with Sir John Farquharson of Corrachree, formerly Director-General of the Ordnance Survey, and a member of the Club, who courteously placed the results of his experience at the service of the Council, a representation to the above effect was forwarded to Colonel Duncan A. Johnston, the present Director-General.

In acknowledging receipt Colonel Johnston wrote: "In reply I may say that the documents of the first survey made by this Department and the impressions of that survey, of which a certain number will be kept, form a record of such old place names and old boundaries of parishes, towns and counties as appear on that survey. Probably, however, the resolution refers to names and boundaries which do not appear on our original maps. To ascertain these would require a special and laborious investigation of an antiquarian nature, which would appear to fall rather within the province of an Antiquarian Society than of this Department. The suggestion that field names should be shown on the Ordnance Survey Maps has been made more than once. It was indeed carried into practice in some of the very early surveys, but the practical objections were found to be such that the practice was abandoned about fifty years ago, and has never been revived. It may be pointed out that the Ordnance Survey Maps afford means for the preservation of names such as those referred to, which are undoubtedly of antiquarian and philological interest, as persons interested in them can insert them on 25-inch impressions, but I am afraid that the Ordnance Survey could not undertake either to ascertain them, or to show them on their maps. The primary object of the Cadastral Survey is to survey the existing features of the country for practical purposes, and this Department would not be justified in diverting any considerable portion of the funds voted for these purposes to antiquarian research."

The Council regret that they are unable to report more than one volume as issued to members since the date of the last Report, *viz.* :—

PLACE NAMES OF WEST ABERDEENSHIRE. By the late James Macdonald, F.S.A. Scot. Edited by Charles Edward Troup, C.B. ; and with an Introduction by

Professor Donald Mackinnon, University of Edinburgh. (Pp. xxvii + 347.)

It was hoped that other two volumes which have been for some time in the press would ere now have been in the hands of members; but their respective editors have found it impossible, within the assigned time, to bring to a close the work allotted to them. These volumes are:—

The Family of Burnett of Leys, with the collateral branches. By the late George Burnett, LL.D., Lyon King of Arms. Edited by Colonel James Allardyce, LL.D.: with numerous illustrations presented by Sir Thomas Burnett of Leys, Bart. The whole of the text has been printed off, and an Appendix of illustrative documents is nearly all in type. It has been decided that the copies of the Genealogical Tree of the Family presented to the Club by Mr. Kendall Burnett, will be most conveniently issued to members, not bound into the volume, but in a separate form: as was done with the Tree of the Skene Family presented by the late Mr. H. J. Trotter.

Records of Invercauld. Edited by the Rev. John Grant Michie, M.A. With illustrative portraits and views. Of this 400 pages have been printed off.

The prolonged illness of the Rev. William Forbes Leith has prevented any progress being made with the printing of The Diary of the Scots College at Douai, although the MS. was ready for the press more than a year ago.

Sir William Geddes had projected a third volume of the Musa Latina Aberdonensis, to deal with the Latin writings of the minor poets of Aberdeen in the 16th and 17th centuries,

including Andrew Aidie, William Aidie, William Blackhall, Thomas Cargill, Robert Downie, Patrick Dun, Robert Gordon, John Johnston, William Johnston, James Lawson, David Leech, John Leech, John Lundie, Andrew Massie, John Rae, Thomas Reid, George Robertson, John Row, John Sibbald, Archibald Simpson, George Strachan, John Vaus, Alexander Wedderburn, David Wedderburn, William Wedderburn, and the lesser versifiers of the "Funerals". For this volume Colonel Johnston of Newton Dee had presented copies of a photogravure portrait of his collateral ancestor, Professor William Johnston. Through the lamented death of the Principal the project falls, meanwhile, into abeyance.

Nothing definite can as yet be stated regarding the often-suggested HISTORY OF THE FAMILY OF GORDON; but it gives the Council pleasure to be able to state that the MS. COLLECTIONS REGARDING THE FAMILY OF FORBES, compiled by the late Mr. William Troup, have at last been placed in the Secretary's hands, and that a Report relative to their extent and nature is in preparation.

The Council are glad to be able to announce as approved by the Editorial Committee, and now begun, three works (additional to those mentioned in last Report as being prepared by Mr. Littlejohn, Mr. Munro, Mr. Ree, Professor Trail, Mr. Robertson and Mr. Kellas Johnstone), *viz.*:—

RECORDS OF ELGIN. To be edited by William Cramond, LL.D., on the general lines of his ANNALS OF BANFF, although, from the greater importance of the Burgh of Elgin, the contents will appeal to a wider range of readers.

RECORDS OF THE ABERDEEN FRIARS: RED, BLACK, WHITE AND GREY, 1211-1560. To be edited by Francis C. Eeles. This work has been on the programme

of the Club since its resuscitation, and was on the programme of the original Spalding Club. Its publication was also urged by the late Professor Cosmo Innes in his SCOTCH LEGAL ANTIQUITIES. Sir George Reid, *P.*R.S.A., and one of the Vice-Presidents of the Club, has kindly made drawings of the Church of the Grey Friars to be reproduced as illustrations in the volume.

FOLKLORE OF THE NORTH-EAST OF SCOTLAND, based on the MS. Collections of the late Rev. Walter Gregor, LL.D. To be edited by James E. Crombie, M.A.

The Council would acknowledge its continued obligation to the Society of Advocates for permitting the Annual General Meeting of the Club to be held in the Society's Hall; and to the Curator of the University Library for granting the use of a room for Committee meetings.

WM. FERGUSON, *C.*

ABSTRACT.

Framed from the Annual Accounts of the Club for the period from 19th December, 1899, to 19th December, 1900.

THE CHARGE.

Assets at close of last account, . . .	£997	19	7	
Subscriptions for year 1900, . . .	462	0	0	
Subscriptions for year 1901, . . .	7	7	0	
Arrears and payments by new members for back volumes, ...	16	16	0	
Repayment of outlays, ...	3	12	0	
Interest, ...	29	11	1	
Amount of the Charge, ...				£1517 5 8

THE DISCHARGE.

1899. I. MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS PAID.

Dec. 28.	Taylor & Henderson: printing,	£25	0	0	
1900					
Jan. 2.	Mr. J. F. Kellas Johnstone: outlays, ...	1	1	0	
,, 25.	Scottish Record Soc.: subscription,	1	1	0	
,, 30.	Mr. J. M. Corner: engraving, .	3	13	0	
July 30.	A. King & Co.: printing, . .	5	16	6	
,,	Edmond & Spark: binding, .	37	17	11	
Aug. 9.	Grosvenor, Chater & Co. (per E. & S.): paper, . . .	225	13	5	
Nov. 12.	Milne & Hutchison: printing, .	25	0	0	
Dec. 12.	Taylor & Henderson: printing, .	25	0	0	
					£350 2 10
	Carry forward.				£350 2 10

Brought forward,		£350 2 10

II. Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

Secretary's Salary, 1899-1900,	£26 5 0	
Secretary's Postages, 19th Dec. 1899, to date,	4 16 7	
Hon. Treasurer's sundry outlays, including Insurance on paper, etc.,	7 10 1	
		38 11 8

III. Assets as at 19th December, 1900.

Loan to Aberdeen School Board,	£350 0 0	
Deposit Receipt with Town and County Bank, Ltd., being Composition received from seven Life Members,	73 10 0	
Eight do., with do.,	705 1 2	
		1128 11 2
Amount of the Discharge, equal to the Charge,		£1517 5 8

Note. The Miscellaneous Disbursements above are allocated as follows:

I. "Place Names."

Binding,	£21 7 11	
Packing,	3 12 8	
Carriage, etc.,	11 10 1	
		£36 10 8

II. "Family of Burnett."

Paper,	£24 15 0	
Printing: Milne & Hutchison,	25 0 0	
Engraving,	3 13 0	
		53 8 0

III. "Records of Invercauld."

Paper,	£24 15 0	
Printing: Taylor & Henderson,	50 0 0	
		74 15 0

IV. Sundries.

Printing and Postage of Reports, Circulars, etc.,	£5 16 6	
Miscellaneous Transcribing, Stationery, etc.,	3 9 3	
Paper in Stock,	176 3 5	
		185 9 2
Amount of Miscellaneous Disbursements, as above,		£350 2 10

RULES.

As approved 11th November, 1886, and amended 16th December, 1886, 21st December 1894, and 29th December, 1897.

1. The objects of the New Spalding Club shall be to promote the study of the History, Topography, and Archæology of the North-eastern Counties of Scotland, and to print works illustrative thereof.

2. The Club shall consist of five hundred [*16th Dec.*, 1886] members, subscribers of one guinea annually: each subscription to be paid on or before the first day of January in each year.

3. The general management of the affairs of the Club shall be vested in a Council, consisting of a President, at least ten Vice-Presidents, and not fewer than forty ordinary members, including a Secretary and a Treasurer: all to be chosen yearly at a General Meeting of the Club, to be held at Aberdeen, in the Month of October, or at such other time within each year as may be found convenient. At all Meetings of the Council seven members shall form a quorum.

4. Immediately after the Annual General Meeting the Council shall elect Acting Committees to carry on the work of the Club.

5. The accounts of the Club shall be audited annually, by two Auditors, to be chosen at the Annual Meeting from among the members.

6. The name of any member in arrear with his annual subscription on the first day of October in each year may be removed from the list of members.

7. Vacancies in the membership shall be filled up according to priority of application.

8. Members may, at any time, compound for all future annual subscriptions, by payment of ten guineas over and above the subscription for the current year; and it shall be in the power of the Council to exempt from subscriptions, annual or other, any member who may present to the Club a work, the printing of which, as a Club publication, has been sanctioned by the Council.

9. Every member shall receive one copy of every volume assigned by the Club to the years for which he has paid subscriptions; and the editor of each work shall receive five additional copies of his work. [The heir, executor or representative of a member shall have no claim to volumes issued by the Club after the member's death, unless he be admitted a member of the Club in place of the deceased. *21st Dec.*, 1894.]

10. The number of copies printed in each case shall not exceed five hundred and twenty-five, and no copy of any work printed by the Club shall be offered by it for sale; [but it shall be competent for the Editorial Committee to arrange for extra copies not exceeding twenty-five, additional to the five hundred and twenty-five, of any volume considered appropriate, to be placed at the disposal of the University of Aberdeen, which shall refund to the Club the prime cost of such extra copies, and employ them, outwith the bounds of the United Kingdom, as part of a series of inter-academical publications. *20th Dec.*, 1897.]

11. The Club shall undertake the issue of its books without the intervention of publishers or booksellers.

12. A General Meeting of the Club may be called at any time on presentation to the Secretary of a requisition signed by twenty members; and the above rules may be altered at any General Meeting, provided that the members have received from the Secretary at least fourteen days' notice of the proposed change.

WORKS ISSUED BY THE NEW SPALDING CLUB.

MEMORIALS OF THE FAMILY OF SKENE OF SKENE, FROM THE FAMILY PAPERS, WITH OTHER ILLUSTRATIVE DOCUMENTS. Edited by William Forbes Skene, D.C.L., LL.D., Her Majesty's Historiographer for Scotland. (Pp. 269 + xv., with six full-page plates. First Annual Report.) 1887.

CARTULARIUM ECCLESIAE SANCTI NICHOLAI ABERDONENSIS. Recognovit Jacobus Cooper, S.T.D., in Ecclesia supradicta Presbyter. Tomus prior. (Pp. 278 + xlix., with three plates. List of members, 11th November, 1887.) 1888.

Do. do. Tomus alter. (Pp. 496 + lxvi., with twelve plates, eight in colour.) 1892.

LACUNAR BASILICAE SANCTI MACARII ABERDONENSIS: The Heraldic Ceiling of the Cathedral Church of St. Machar, Old Aberdeen. Described in Historical and Armorial Detail by William Duguid Geddes, LL.D., and Peter Duguid. (Pp. 172 + xix., with thirty plates, twenty-four in heraldic colours. Second Annual Report.) 1888.

FASTI ACADEMIAE MARISCALLANAE: Selections from the Records of the Marischal College and University, MDXCIII.-MDCCCLX. Edited by Peter John Anderson, M.A., LL.B. Vol. I. Endowments. (Pp. 577 + xxxi., with five plates.) 1889.

Do. do. Vol. II. Officers, Graduates and Alumni. Pp. 596 + xxii., with thirteen plates.) 1898.

Do. do. Vol. III. Index to Vol. II. Compiled by James F. Kellas Johnstone. (Pp. 196 + viii., with three plates. Eleventh and Twelfth Annual Reports. List of members, 1894-98.) 1898.

SELECTIONS FROM WODROW'S BIOGRAPHICAL COLLECTIONS: Divines of the North-east of Scotland. Edited by the Reverend Robert Lippe. (Pp. 360 + lxxxv., with two plates. Third Annual Report.) 1890.

THE MISCELLANY OF THE NEW SPALDING CLUB. Vol. I. (Pp. 391 + lxii. Fourth Annual Report. List of members, 12th December, 1890.) 1890.

THE ANNALS OF BANFF. Compiled by William Cramond, LL.D., Schoolmaster of Cullen. Vol. I. (Pp. 385 + xv., with nine plates. 1891.

Do. do. Vol. II. (Pp. 498 + xl., with eleven plates. Sixth Annual Report.) 1893.

MUSA LATINA ABERDONENSIS: Edited by Sir William Duguid Geddes, LL.D. Arthur Johnston. Vol. I. The Parergia of 1637. (Pp. 318 + xxiv., with six plates. Fifth Annual Report.) 1892.

Do. do. Vol. II. The Epigrammata and remaining secular Poems. Pp. 308 + lvi., with nine plates. Eighth Annual Report.) 1895.

HAND-LIST OF BIBLIOGRAPHY OF THE SHIRES OF ABERDEEN, BANFF AND KINCARDINE. By Alexander W. Robertson, M.A. (Pp. 133 + iv.) 1893.

OFFICERS AND GRADUATES OF UNIVERSITY AND KING'S COLLEGE, ABERDEEN, MVD.-MDCCCLX. Edited by Peter John Anderson, M.A., LL.B. (Pp. 399 + xx., with four plates.) 1893.

HECTORIS BOETII MURTHLACENSIUM ET ABERDONENSIUM EPISCOPORUM VITAE. Edited and Translated by James Moir, M.A., LL.D., Co-Rector of Aberdeen Grammar School. (Pp. 210 + xx., with two plates. Seventh Annual Report. List of members, 30th June, 1894.) 1894.

THE RECORDS OF ABOYNE, MCCXXX.-MDCLXXXI. Edited by Charles, 11th Marquis of Huntly, Earl of Aboyne, etc., P.C., LL.D. (Pp. 590 + xliv., with eleven plates.) 1894.

HISTORICAL PAPERS RELATING TO THE JACOBITE PERIOD, 1699-1750. Edited by Colonel James Allardyce, LL.D. Vol. I. (Pp. 338 + l., with eleven plates. 1895.

Do. do Vol. II. (Pp. 314 + lii., with twelve plates. Ninth Annual Report.) 1896.

THE RECORDS OF THE MEETING OF THE EXERCISE OF ALFORD, 1662-88. Edited by the Reverend Thomas Bell. Pp. 439 + xlix. Tenth Annual Report. 1897.

RECORDS OF OLD ABERDEEN. Edited by Alexander M. Munro, F.S.A. Scot. Vol. I. (Pp. 390 + xxxvi., with six plates.) 1899.

THE PLACE NAMES OF WEST ABERDEENSHIRE. By the late James Macdonald, F.S.A. Scot. (Pp. 347 + xxvii. Thirteenth Annual Report. 1899.

THE FAMILY OF BURNETT OF LEYS WITH THE COLLATERAL BRANCHES. By the late George Burnett, LL.D., Lyon King of Arms.

THE RECORDS OF INVERCAULD. By the Reverend John Grant Michie, M.A.

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FIFTEENTH REPORT BY THE COUNCIL.

Approved at the Fifteenth Annual General Meeting of the New Spalding Club, held on Tuesday, 31st December, 1901, at 2.30 p.m.

THE Council feel assured that it will give satisfaction to members to learn that the King has graciously acceded to the request of the Council that His Majesty should become Patron of the Club. It is of interest to note that from 1848 until his death the Prince Consort was Patron of the Spalding Club, and that when the Club was resuscitated in 1886 as the New Spalding Club, Her late Majesty was graciously pleased to become its Patroness.

As instructed at the last General Meeting, the Council have combined the functions of the former Editorial and Business Committees, and have entrusted the general management of the Club to an Executive Committee, consisting of nineteen members (three a quorum), presided over by Mr. William Ferguson of Kinmundy, LL.D., who has taken a very warm interest in the well-being of the Club since its foundation, and had hitherto acted as Chairman of the Business Committee.

Since the last General Meeting, held on Wednesday, 26th December, 1900, two volumes have been issued to members:—

I.—THE FAMILY OF BURNETT OF LEYS, with collateral branches. From the MSS. of the late George Burnett, LL.D., Lyon King of Arms. Edited by Colonel James Allardyce, LL.D. (Pp. 367 + xxiii, with twenty-one plates; and Fourteenth Annual Report.) The Council have pleasure in reminding

members of their indebtedness to Sir Thomas Burnett, Bart., for the gift of twenty of the full-page illustrations in this volume; and to Mr. W. Kendall Burnett for the copies of the genealogical tree of the family which he presented to the Club some years ago, and which have been issued in separate form.

II.—The Records of Invercauld, 1547-1828. Edited by the Rev. John Grant Michie, M.A. (Pp. 523 + xi, with nine plates.)

Two volumes are now at press and will, it is confidently expected, be issued to members during 1902. These are:—

III.—The Records of Elgin. Vol. I. Compiled by William Cramond, LL.D. It is gratifying to be able to announce that Colonel George A. Cooper, Elgin, a member of the Club, has written to express much interest in this forthcoming work, and his desire to contribute a sum of fifty pounds "to enable the illustrations to appear in a worthy and handsome form".

IV.—The House of Gordon. Vol. I. Edited by John Malcolm Bulloch, M.A. The Council of the original Spalding Club projected a History of the Gordons, which was transferred to the programme of the New Spalding Club. But hitherto—apart from Lord Huntly's excellent work on the Records of Aboyne—no serious attempt has been made to treat exhaustively of the family which for hundreds of years has practically dominated the district forming the especial sphere of the Club. It was pointed out to the Council by Mr. Bulloch that though there have been many workers in the field, a great waste of energy has been expended on an attempt to produce a definitive work. "The workers," he wrote, "have

followed one invariable rule: they have started with a particular cadet branch, in which they were interested for family reasons. Fascinated by the subject, they have gone on accumulating material on the environments of their own sept; they have, in short, been dazzled by the chimera of the definitive work. They have died: their papers have been carefully guarded for sentimental reasons by their representatives, or have been thrown away as so much old paper by executors who knew nothing, or cared nothing, about the matter, and the result has been that over and over again all their work has been wasted, and new workers and new enthusiasts have been compelled to go over precisely the same ground." Mr. Bulloch went on to advocate the issue by the Club of monographs dealing with the history of various cadet branches, on the basis of which, in the course of years the definitive work might be written. The Council admitted the force of Mr. Bulloch's reasoning, and requested him to undertake the general editorship of the Gordon monographs. The series will begin with a reproduction of a "Genealogical Account of the Family of Gordon" compiled about 1730, from earlier sources then extant, by James Gordon of Balbithan, and now for the first time printed from a MS. kindly lent by Mrs. Elphinstone Dalrymple of Kinellar Lodge. This fascicle is already printed off. It will be followed by accounts of the Gordons of Abergeldie and the Gordons of Gight by Mr. Bulloch, the Gordons of Coclarachie by the Rev. Stephen Ree, Boharm, and the Gordons of Lesmoir by Captain Douglas Wimberley, Inverness; and by

lists of all Gordon entries in the Services of Heirs for Scotland, in the Poll Book of 1696, in the Albums of the Scottish Universities, in the Records of Parliament, of the Church of Scotland, of the Faculty of Advocates, and of other corporate bodies at home and abroad. Each monograph will be paged separately, but there will also be a continuous pagination to facilitate indexing.

Other works which are approaching completeness in the hands of their respective editors are :—

V.—Records of the Sheriffdom of Aberdeen from 1503. Edited by David Littlejohn, Sheriff Clerk. [See 13th Report, p. 4.]

VI.—Records of the Aberdeen Friars: Red, Black, White and Grey, 1211-1560. Edited by Francis C. Eeles. [See 14th Report, p. 7.]

VII.—Records of Old Aberdeen. Edited by Alexander M. Munro, Vol. II. [See 12th Report, p. 5.]

VIII.—Folklore of North-Eastern Scotland, based on the MS. Collections of the late Rev. Walter Gregor, LL.D. Edited by James E. Crombie, M.A. [See 12th Report, p. 6.]

IX.—Records of the Synod of Moray: With Fasti of Schoolmasters. Edited by the Rev. Stephen Ree, B.D. [See 7th Report, p. 5.]

X.—The Rise of Natural Science in the North of Scotland, based on the MS. Collections of the late David Skene, M.D. Edited by Professor J. W. H. Trail, F.R.S. [See 4th Report, p. 6.]

XI.—Bibliography of the Shires of Aberdeen, Banff, and Kincardine. Edited by A. W. Robertson and J. F. Kellas Johnstone. [See 10th Report, p. 4; and 12th Report, p. 8.]

XII.—Diary of the Scots College at Douai. Edited by the Rev. William Forbes Leith, S.J. This was reported as ready for the press some time ago, but as Father Forbes Leith has failed to respond to recent communications, no progress has been made.

The Council reported, last year, that the MS. collections regarding the Family of Forbes, compiled by the late Mr. William Troup, had at last been placed in the Secretary's hands. These collections comprise a large mass of papers which consist in great measure of references to Forbeses extracted from various printed and MS. sources. They do not include any matter actually ready for the press, but one volume of genealogies is marked a "Scroll MS." to be revised "for a press copy," and to have a preface of "about fifty pages". In the later years of his life Mr. Troup does not seem to have added much to his work, and hence the information contained in recent Record publications has not been utilised. The Council are unable to recommend the printing, as a Club book, of Mr. Troup's MS., in its present state. They are, however, of opinion that the method approved for the House of Gordon might also be adopted for the House of Forbes, and that different branches of the family might (on the basis of Mr. Troup's MS.) be exhaustively treated by different members of the Club possessed of sufficient Record knowledge for the work. A certain measure of uniformity in the method of treatment would be desirable, and it would be essential that all dates and statements of fact be supported by citation of authorities. Colonel Allardyce has kindly consented to receive contributions from any members willing to help, and to compare these with Mr. Troup's MS.

Mr. Sanford Terry, Lecturer on History in the University of Aberdeen, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Club, has reported to the Council that his recent researches in Jacobite bibliography have made him acquainted with several col-

lections of unpublished material relating to the North of Scotland, from which he believes that an interesting volume of JACOBITE LETTERS AND DOCUMENTS might be compiled. The Council readily approve the addition to the Club's programme of such a work, to be edited by Mr. Terry.

Since the last Report was submitted by the Council, fourteen members of the Club have died: Mr. Walter Denham, Glasgow; Rev. W. J. S. Falconer, Dunnet; Mr. Hugh M. Gordon of Abergeldie; Mr. William Gordon, Aberdeen; Mr. William Leslie, London; Mr. David Macdonald, Aberdeen; Mr. Charles Machardy, Aberdeen; Mr. R. Whyte Mackay, Aberdeen; Mr. A. Mackenzie, Paisley; Mr. W. S. Mackenzie, London; Mr. Charles Fraser-Mackintosh, Inverness; Mr. Robert A. Neil, Cambridge; Miss Fanny Anne Pirie, Countesswells; Rev. Robert H. Smith, Rhynie. The places rendered vacant by some of these deaths have, under Rule 9, been filled by representatives of the deceased members, but other vacancies allow the admission of new members. It is interesting to note the accession to the membership of the greater American libraries, such as Harvard University, Yale University, New York State Library, New York Public Library, Boston Public Library, Toronto Public Library, etc.

As new members are usually desirous of securing a full set of the Club's publications, it may be stated that although the earlier issues are entirely out of print, the volumes occasionally come into the market, and the Secretary can usually direct a new member to a source whence they may be obtained.

The Council wish to express their continued obligation to the Society of Advocates for permitting the Annual General Meeting of the Club to be held in the Society's Hall; and to the Curator of the University Library for granting the use of a room for Committee meetings.

WM. FERGUSON, *C.*

ABSTRACT.

Framed from the Annual Accounts of the Club for the period from 19th December, 1900, to 17th December, 1901.

THE CHARGE.

Assets at close of last account,	£1128 11 2	
Subscriptions for year 1901,	452 11 0	
Subscriptions for year 1902,	6 6 0	
Composition for life membership	10 10 0	
Arrears and payments by new members for back volumes,	17 9 6	
Interest,	33 7 5	
Amount of the Charge,		£1648 5 1

THE DISCHARGE.

1901.	I. Miscellaneous Accounts Paid.	
Jan. 2.	Colonel Allardyce: postages, etc.,	£1 1 0
,, 5.	Rev. W. Macleod: searches,	0 10 7
,, 7.	Miss M. Craig: transcribing,	0 6 9
Feb. 4.	Scottish Record Soc.: subscription,	1 1 0
May 4.	Miss A. L. Robertson: type-writing,	0 17 0
,, 22.	Mr. J. Kesson: packing,	0 3 6
,, 27.	Aberdeen University Press: printing,	4 18 4
June 11.	Mr. G. Stronach: transcribing,	0 15 0
,,	Lyon Office: do.,	0 14 0
July 20.	Mr. G. Stronach: do.,	2 17 6
Sept. 21.	T. & R. Annan & Sons: plates,	13 10 0
	Carry forward,	£26 14 8

	Brought forward,	£26	14	8			
Sept. 21.	Milne & Hutchison: printing,	70	0	9			
Oct. 10.	Rev. W. Macleod: searches,	1	8	9			
,, 18.	Rev. J. Milne: transcribing,	1	10	0			
Dec. 9.	Taylor & Henderson: printing,	36	9	6			
,,	T. & R. Annan & Sons: plates,	38	0	0			
,, 17.	Edmond & Spark: binding, etc.,	83	11	8½			
					£257	15	4½

II. Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

Secretary's Salary, 1900-1901,		£26	5	0			
Secretary's Postages, 19th Dec., 1900, to date,		6	10	7			
Hon. Treasurer's sundry outlays, including Insurance on paper, etc.,		7	12	6½			
					40	8	1½

III. Assets as at 19th December, 1901.

Loan to Aberdeen School Board,		£350	0	0			
Deposit Receipt with Town and County Bank, Ltd., being Composition received from eight Life Members,		84	0	0			
Six do., with do.,		916	1	7			
					1350	1	7
Amount of the Discharge, equal to the Charge,					£1648	5	1

Note.—The Miscellaneous Disbursements above are allocated as follows:

I. "Family of Burnett."

[Paper: paid for last year.]							
Printing,	£70	0	9				
Illustrations,	8	0	0				
Binding,	25	5	8				
Packing, Carriage, etc.,	12	19	4				
				£116	5	9[1]	
Carry forward,				£116	5	9	

[1] Together with whole cost of paper used, £60 15s., and other outlays in former years (see 2nd and 14th *Reports*), £40 15s. Total, £217 15s. 9d. In addition, the cost of twenty full-page plates was defrayed by Sir Thomas Burnett, Bart.

Brought forward,	£116	5	9

II. "Records of Invercauld."

[Paper: paid for last year.]

Printing,	£36	9	6		
Illustrations,	43	10	0		
Binding,	23	17	6		
Packing, Carriage, etc.,	15	17	7		
				119	14 7[1]

III. "House of Gordon."

[Paper: paid for last year.]

Searches and Transcripts,				7	7 3

IV. Sundries.

[Paper in stock, 62¼ reams: paid for last year.]

Printing and Postage of Reports, Circulars, etc.,	£7	18	11		
Miscellaneous Transcribing, Stationery, etc.,	6	8	10½		
				14	7 9½
Amount of Miscellaneous Disbursements, as above,				£257	15 4½

[1] Together with whole cost of paper used, £78 15s., and other outlays in former years (see 13th and 14th *Reports*), £53 17s. 6d. Total, £252 7s. 1d.

RULES.

(*As approved 13th November, 1886, and amended 16th December, 1886, 21st December 1894, and 29th December, 1897.*)

1. The objects of the New Spalding Club shall be to promote the study of the History, Topography, and Archæology of the North-eastern Counties of Scotland, and to print works illustrative thereof.

2. The Club shall consist of five hundred [*16th Dec.*, 1886] members, subscribers of one guinea annually: each subscription to be paid on or before the first day of January in each year.

3. The general management of the affairs of the Club shall be vested in a Council, consisting of a President, at least ten Vice-Presidents, and not fewer than forty ordinary members, including a Secretary and a Treasurer: all to be chosen yearly at a General Meeting of the Club, to be held at Aberdeen, in the Month of October, or at such other time within each year as may be found convenient. At all Meetings of the Council seven members shall form a quorum.

4. Immediately after the Annual General Meeting the Council shall elect Acting Committees to carry on the work of the Club.

5. The accounts of the Club shall be audited annually, by two Auditors, to be chosen at the Annual Meeting from among the members.

6. The name of any member in arrear with his annual subscription on the first day of October in each year may be removed from the list of members.

7. Vacancies in the membership shall be filled up according to priority of application.

8. Members may, at any time, compound for all future annual subscriptions, by payment of ten guineas over and above the subscription for the current year; and it shall be in the power of the Council to exempt from subscriptions, annual or other, any member who may present to the Club a work, the printing of which, as a Club publication, has been sanctioned by the Council.

9. Every member shall receive one copy of every volume assigned by the Club to the years for which he has paid subscriptions; and the editor of each work shall receive five additional copies of his work. [The heir, executor or representative of a member shall have no claim to volumes issued by the Club after the member's death, unless he be admitted a member of the Club in place of the deceased. *21st Dec.*, 1894.]

10. The number of copies printed in each case shall not exceed five hundred and twenty-five, and no copy of any work printed by the Club shall be offered by it for sale; [but it shall be competent for the Editorial Committee to arrange for extra copies not exceeding twenty-five, additional to the five hundred and twenty-five, of any volume considered appropriate, to be placed at the disposal of the University of Aberdeen, which shall refund to the Club the prime cost of such extra copies, and employ them, outwith the bounds of the United Kingdom, as part of a series of inter-academical publications. *29th Dec.*, 1897.]

11. The Club shall undertake the issue of its books without the intervention of publishers or booksellers.

12. A General Meeting of the Club may be called at any time on presentation to the Secretary of a requisition signed by twenty members; and the above rules may be altered at any General Meeting, provided that the members have received from the Secretary at least fourteen days' notice of the proposed change.

WORKS ISSUED BY THE NEW SPALDING CLUB.

MEMORIALS OF THE FAMILY OF SKENE OF SKENE, FROM THE FAMILY PAPERS, WITH OTHER ILLUSTRATIVE DOCUMENTS. Edited by William Forbes Skene, D.C.L., LL.D., Her Majesty's Historiographer for Scotland. (Pp. 269 + xv., with six full-page plates. First Annual Report.) 1887.

CARTULARIUM ECCLESIAE SANCTI NICHOLAI ABERDONENSIS. Recognovit Jacobus Cooper, S.T.D., in Ecclesia supradicta Presbyter. Tomus prior. (Pp. 278 + xix., with three plates. List of members, 11th November, 1887.) 1888.

Do. do. Tomus alter. (Pp. 496 + lxvi., with twelve plates, eight in colour.) 1892.

LACUNAR BASILICAE SANCTI MACARII ABERDONENSIS: The Heraldic Ceiling of the Cathedral Church of St. Machar, Old Aberdeen. Described in Historical and Armorial Detail by William Duguid Geddes, LL.D., and Peter Duguid. (Pp. 172 + xix., with thirty plates, twenty-four in heraldic colours. Second Annual Report.) 1888.

FASTI ACADEMIAE MARISCALLANAE: Selections from the Records of the Marischal College and University, MDXCIII.-MDCCCLX. Edited by Peter John Anderson, M.A., LL.B. Vol. I. Endowments. (Pp. 577 + xxxi., with five plates.) 1889.

Do. do. Vol. II. Officers, Graduates and Alumni. Pp. 596 + xxii., with thirteen plates. 1898.

Do. do. Vol. III. Index to Vol. II. Compiled by James F. Kellas Johnstone. Pp. 196 + viii., with three plates. Eleventh and Twelfth Annual Reports. List of members, 1894-98.) 1898.

SELECTIONS FROM WODROW'S BIOGRAPHICAL COLLECTIONS: Divines of the North-east of Scotland. Edited by the Reverend Robert Lippe. (Pp. 360 + lxxxv., with two plates. Third Annual Report.) 1890.

THE MISCELLANY OF THE NEW SPALDING CLUB. Vol. I. (Pp. 391 + lxii. Fourth Annual Report. List of members, 12th December, 1890.) 1890.

THE ANNALS OF BANFF. Compiled by William Cramond, LL.D., Schoolmaster of Cullen. Vol. I. (Pp. 385 + xv., with nine plates. 1891.

Do. do. Vol. II. (Pp. 498 + xl., with eleven plates. Sixth Annual Report.) 1893.

MUSA LATINA ABERDONENSIS: Edited by Sir William Duguid Geddes, LL.D. Arthur Johnston. Vol. I. The Parerga of 1637. (Pp. 318 + xxiv., with six plates. Fifth Annual Report.) 1892.

Do. do. Vol. II. The Epigrammata and remaining secular Poems. (Pp. 308 + lvi., with nine plates. Eighth Annual Report.) 1895.

HAND-LIST OF BIBLIOGRAPHY OF THE SHIRES OF ABERDEEN, BANFF AND KINCARDINE. By Alexander W. Robertson, M.A. (8vo: Pp. 133 + iv.) 1893.

OFFICERS AND GRADUATES OF UNIVERSITY AND KING'S COLLEGE, ABERDEEN, MVD.-MDCCCLX. Edited by Peter John Anderson, M.A., LL.B. (Pp. 399 + xx., with four plates.) 1893.

HECTORIS BOETII MURTHLACENSIUM ET ABERDONENSIUM EPISCOPORUM VITAE. Edited and Translated by James Moir, M.A., LL.D., Co-Rector of Aberdeen Grammar School. (Pp. 210 + xx., with two plates. Seventh Annual Report. List of members, 30th June, 1894.) 1894.

THE RECORDS OF ABOYNE, MCCXXX.-MDCLXXXI. Edited by Charles, 11th Marquis of Huntly, Earl of Aboyne, etc., P.C., LL.D. (Pp. 590 + xliv., with eleven plates.) 1894.

HISTORICAL PAPERS RELATING TO THE JACOBITE PERIOD, 1699-1750. Edited by Colonel James Allardyce, LL.D. Vol. I. Pp. 338 + l., with eleven plates.) 1895.

Do. do. Vol. II. (Pp. 314 + lii., with twelve plates. Ninth Annual Report.) 1896.

THE RECORDS OF THE MEETING OF THE EXERCISE OF ALFORD, 1662-88. Edited by the Reverend Thomas Bell. Pp. 439 + xlix. Tenth Annual Report.) 1897.

RECORDS OF OLD ABERDEEN, MCLVII.-MDCCCXCI. Edited by Alexander M. Munro, F.S.A. Scot. Vol. I. (Pp. 390 + xxxvi., with six plates.) 1899.

THE PLACE NAMES OF WEST ABERDEENSHIRE. By the late James Macdonald, F.S.A. Scot. (Pp. 347 + xxvii. Thirteenth Annual Report.) 1899.

THE FAMILY OF BURNETT OF LEYS WITH THE COLLATERAL BRANCHES. From the MSS. of the late George Burnett, LL.D., Lyon King of Arms. Edited by Colonel James Allardyce, LL.D. (Pp. 367 + xxiii., with twenty-one plates. Fourteenth Annual Report.) 1901.

THE RECORDS OF INVERCAULD, MDXLVII.-MDCCCXVIII. Edited by the Reverend John Grant Michie, M.A., Minister of Dinnet. (Pp. 523 + xi., with nine plates.) 1901.

THE RECORDS OF ELGIN. Compiled by William Cramond, LL.D., Schoolmaster of Cullen. Vol. I. (*In the Press.*)

THE HOUSE OF GORDON. Edited by John Malcolm Bulloch, M.A. Vol. I. (*In the Press.*)

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SIXTEENTH REPORT BY THE COUNCIL.

Submitted at the Sixteenth Annual General Meeting of the New Spalding Club, held on Wednesday, 31st December, 1902, at 2.30 p.m.

SINCE the last General Meeting, held on Tuesday, 31st December, 1901, two volumes have been issued to members, *viz.*:

THE ALBEMARLE PAPERS, 1746-48. Edited by Charles Sanford Terry, M.A. 2 vols. (Pp. 572 + lxxxvii., with eight plates. Fifteenth Annual Report).

The printing of two other works is well advanced, and they will, it is hoped, be issued early in 1903. They are:—

I.—THE HOUSE OF GORDON. Vol. I. Edited by John Malcolm Bulloch, M.A. As explained in last Report, this work takes the form of monographs by different writers dealing with the history of the family and its various branches. Of these the following have been printed off and will be included in Vol. I.:—

Genealogical Account of the Family of Gordon. By James Gordon of Balbithan, circa 1730. From a MS. lent by Mrs. Dalrymple of Kinellar Lodge. 68 pp.

The Gordons of Abergeldie. By J. M. Bulloch. 48 pp.

The Gordons of Coclarachie. By the Rev. Stephen Ree, B.D., Boharm. 48 pp.

The Gordons of Gight. By J. M. Bulloch. 146 pp.

Volume I. will be completed by a series of Appendices containing lists of all Gordon entries in the Services

of Heirs for Scotland, 1545-1799, in the Poll Book of 1696, in the Albums of the Scottish Universities, in the Records of Parliament, of the Church of Scotland, of the Faculty of Advocates, and of the Society of Writers to the Signet; and by a full Bibliography of extant Gordon MSS. and accounts of the family in printed books.

Volume II. will contain some at least of the following items:-

The Gordons of Lesmoir. By Captain Douglas Wimberley.

The Gordons of Beldornie. By the Rev. Charles Bruce, M.A., Glenrinnes.

The Gordons of Glenbucket or *of Park.* By J. M. Bulloch.

Historiae compendium de origine et incremento Gordoniae familiae. By John Ferrerius, circa 1545. From MSS. in the Advocates' Library, in Gordon Castle, and in the possession of Mrs. Dalrymple: collated by Rev. S. Ree.

Origo et progressus familiae Gordoniorum. By Robert Gordon of Straloch, circa 1655. From the original MS.: also to be edited by Rev. S. Ree.

The Pourtrait of True Loyalty Exposed in the Family of Gordon. By David Burnet, circa 1691. From the original MS.

Vera Narratio ingentis et miraculi plenae victoriae apud Arvinum. By Alexander Macquair, S.J., circa 1594. From a MS. in the Advocates' Library.

The Council has pleasure in reporting that the President of the Club intimates his intention of contributing a volume to the series of Gordon monographs, dealing with the branch of the family which he represents, and edited by the Rev. James Brebner, M.A., Forgue.

The Council recognises with much satisfaction this proof of the President's interest in the welfare of the Club, recalling that taken in the original Spalding Club by its President, the fourth Earl of Aberdeen, who contributed two of the largest and most important volumes, the "Collections on Aberdeen and Banff," edited by Joseph Robertson, and the "Fasti Aberdonenses," edited by Cosmo Innes.

II. The Records of Elgin. Compiled by William Cramond, LL.D. Vol. I. Municipal Elgin. Of this there have been printed off the portions dealing with

Elgin in Pre-Reformation Times;

Elgin Burgh Court Book, 1540-1800;

and in the press are selections from

Elgin Town Council Minutes, 1636-1800.

As explained in last Report the volume will be enriched with extra illustrations through the generosity of Colonel G. A. Cooper. The second volume will be devoted mainly to "Ecclesiastical Elgin".

A third work which is now ready for press and the printing of which will proceed during 1903, is:

III.—The Records of the Sheriffdom of Aberdeen. Vol. I. Edited by David Littlejohn, Sheriff Clerk. The volume will deal with four classes of Records in the custody of the Editor:

1. *Diet Books of Court*, 1503 to 1749, in 31 volumes. The earliest of these begins at a period many years prior in date to any other extant Scottish judicial record: the oldest known being the Books of the Sheriff Courts of Perthshire and Fifeshire, in 1570 and 1575 respectively. The contents of the Diet

Books are extremely varied, and a general description will be given of each volume, with a complete table of contents of the two oldest volumes (1503-11 and 1557-60).

2. *Books of Extended Decrees*, 1597 to 1693, in 13 volumes. In dealing with these more detail will be given; such entries being noticed or quoted as seem to refer to persons, places or subjects that are interesting or illustrative.
3. *Books of Judicial Enactments*, 1605 to 1729, in 8 volumes. These relate to persons appearing in Court and undertaking obligations of very varied character, and will be dealt with in the same method as the Decrees.
4. *Books of Fiars Courts*, with tables of Fiars Prices beginning with crop 1603, being a quarter of a century earlier in date than Sheriff's Fiars found for any other Scottish county: incomplete until 1690, after which they are continuous.

Volume II. will analyse the Diet Books and treat of their contents under separate heads. It will also deal with

5. *Registers of Deeds*, 1606 to 1766, in 35 volumes.
6. *Record Books of Criminal Trials* from 1733.
7. *Records of Services of Heirs*.
8. *Proceedings at Elections of Members of Parliament* (occasional), from John Leslie of Balquhane and Sir Alexander Fraser of Fraserburgh in 1595-6.
9. *Lists of all Officials of the Court*, with biographical notes, from P. de Maleuille, sheriff in 1222.

IV. Bibliography of the Shires of Aberdeen, Banff, and Kincardine. On the suggestion of the Joint Editors, the Council has approved of an arrangement

by which Mr. A. W. Robertson will edit Part I., to consist of a chronological and bibliographical catalogue of all works which by reason of their subject, or of their place of preparation or publication, are considered worthy of full treatment; and Mr. J. F. Kelkas Johnstone will edit Part II., to consist of an abbreviated alphabetical list of all works either described in Part I., or worthy of inclusion because of their authors' birth or education within the three counties, together with summaries of the outstanding facts in the careers of the authors. Mr. J. P. Edmond has courteously permitted the incorporation in the "Bibliography" of such portions of his well-known "Aberdeen Printers," with additions, as are pertinent to the plan recommended by the editors.

It is not necessary, at present, to do more than refer to the undernoted works which are approaching completeness in the hands of their respective editors.

V.—Diary of the Scots College at Douai. Edited by the Rev. William Forbes Leith, S.J., who writes that he is most anxious to have the book ready before the end of 1903.

VI.—Records of Old Aberdeen. Edited by Alexander M. Munro, Vol. II. [See 12th Report, p. 5.]

VII. Records of the Aberdeen Friars: Red, Black, White and Grey, 1211-1560. Edited by Francis C. Eeles. [See 14th Report, p. 7.]

VIII. Records of the Synod of Moray: With Fasti of Schoolmasters. Edited by the Rev. Stephen Ree, B.D. [See 7th Report, p. 5.]

IX.—Folklore of North-Eastern Scotland, based on

the MS. Collections of the late Rev. Walter Gregor, LL.D. Edited by James E. Crombie, M.A. [See 12th Report, p. 6.]

X.—The Rise of Natural Science in the North of Scotland, based on the MS. Collections of the late David Skene, M.D. Edited by Professor J. W. H. Trail, F.R.S. [See 4th Report, p. 6.]

In its last Report the Council had occasion to speak of the late Mr. William Troup's MS. collections regarding the Family of Forbes, which have come into the possession of the Club. Since the adoption of that Report certain portions of Mr. Troup's papers were tested by a careful comparison with original records. The results were so discouraging that the Sub-Committee (Colonel Allardyce and Mr. Alexander Forbes), who were requested to examine Mr. Troup's papers, were constrained to report that "though there is a great deal of valuable matter in the MSS. they do not consider that the Club can take any action in the matter of Mr. Troup's History". The Council can, therefore, only reiterate its opinion that if a History of the Family of Forbes is to be undertaken, it must be begun *de novo* on more modern lines, and in the light of recent Record publications; preferably according to the method adopted for the House of Gordon.

The Executive Committee, at a meeting held in May last, approved a proposal made by Mr. James Wilson, who was then Fordyce lecturer in the University, to revive the scheme of issuing a volume dealing with the History of Agriculture in North-Eastern Scotland—a project which had fallen to the ground through the death of Dr. William Alexander, who had undertaken the editorship. Mr. Wilson called attention to the Minutes of the Farming Club at Gordon's Mill, 1758-65, an interesting MS. in the University Library; to a collection of

diaries and miscellaneous papers preserved at Warthill illustrative of the agricultural and domestic arrangements of several centuries past, to which Mr. Arbuthnot Leslie has promised free access; to the "Rental of the Forbes Estates in 1552," affording detailed information regarding the rural economy of the county in the sixteenth century, which Lord Forbes has placed at the disposal of the Club; and to several similar rentals of Mar in the 17th century, preserved at Aboyne Castle. Mr. Wilson expressed the belief that many other proprietors in the district could furnish further illustrative material. The Committee authorised the preparation of a volume such as suggested, to be edited by Mr. Wilson; and the transcription of several MSS. was begun. Mr. Wilson has recently accepted a Professorship of Agriculture in Dublin, but the Council hopes that —possibly after a little delay—he will still be able to spare the time necessary for carrying out the scheme that he had suggested.

It will be in the recollection of members that at last General Meeting a motion was submitted by the Rev. John Milne, L.L.D., late of King Edward, and seconded by the Rev. A. J. Milne, L.L.D., Fyvie, in the following terms:—

"That the Executive Committee be requested to take measures for the publication annually of one or more volumes giving a full and minute history of the North-Eastern Counties of Scotland for some definite period".

This motion was remitted to the Committee for report. The Committee, after careful consideration of a detailed explanation of his proposal by Dr. Milne, came reluctantly to the conclusion: "That the scheme suggested by Dr. Milne is not merely beyond the means at the disposal of the Club, but is also outwith its functions, which they consider to be rather to provide material for historians than to undertake extensive historical works". This decision the Council endorses.

In continuation of the set of thirty portraits mentioned in the Eleventh Report, p. 6, proof impressions of the following eight have been presented to the Scottish National Portrait Gallery, and have been gratefully acknowledged by the Trustees: Sir Thomas Burnett, 1st bart. of Leys; Lord Monboddo; Miss Burnett of Monboddo; John Farquharson of Invercauld; James Farquharson of Invercauld; Francis Farquharson of Monaltrie; William Anne, 2nd Earl of Albemarle; George, 3rd Earl of Albemarle.

Since the last Report was submitted by the Council, eleven members of the Club have died: Dr. John Barclay, Banff; Mr. James H. Brown, Ellon; Monsignor James A. Campbell, D.D., Rome; Mr. J. M. Chivas, Turriff; Mr. Alexander Geddes of Blairmore; Mr. Alexander Mackay, Aberdeen; Mr. Alexander Macpherson, Kingussie; Mr. Peter Mitchell, Aberdeen; Rev. T. M. Pirie, Elgin; Mr. G. F. Raeburn, Ellon; Colonel J. G. Smith of Delnabo. The places rendered vacant by some of these deaths have, under Rule 9, been filled by representatives of the deceased members, but other vacancies allow the admission of new members.

As new members are usually desirous of securing a full set of the Club's publications, it may be stated that although the earlier issues are entirely out of print (as indicated on p. 17), the volumes occasionally come into the market, and the Secretary can usually direct a new member to a source whence they may be obtained.

The Council wishes to express its continued obligation to the Society of Advocates for permitting the Annual General Meeting of the Club to be held in the Society's Hall; and to the Curator of the University Library for granting the use of a room for Committee meetings.

WM. FERGUSON.

ABSTRACT.

Framed from the Annual Accounts of the Club for the period from 17th December, 1901, to 18th December, 1902.

THE CHARGE.

Assets at close of last account,	£1350	1	7	
Subscriptions for year 1902,	447	6	0	
Subscriptions for year 1903,	9	9	0	
Arrears and payments by new members for back volumes,	22	16	6	
Paid by Col. G. A. Cooper towards illustrating "Records of Elgin," vol. I.,	50	0	0	
Interest,	36	10	7	
Amount of the Charge,				£1916 3 8

THE DISCHARGE.

1902. I. MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS PAID.

Jan. 11.	Scottish Record Soc.: subscription,	£1	1	0
Feb. 10.	Miss H. Paterson: typewriting,	3	6	0
,, 18.	T. & R. Annan & Sons: photogravure,	8	0	4
,,	Miss P. Osler: transcribing,	8	7	10
,, 24.	Rev. J. G. Michie: outlays,	3	8	11
Mar. 20.	Dr. Cramond: do.,	3	0	0
,, 27.	Miss P. Osler: transcribing,	6	11	10
Apr. 29.	E. Dossetter: photographing,	2	2	3
May 12.	Rev. Dr. Milne: transcribing,	6	6	0
,,	Miss H. Paterson: typewriting,	3	6	0
,, 26.	Taylor & Henderson: lithographing,	19	14	3
	Carry forward,	£65	4	5

		Brought forward,	£65	4	5	
May	26.	Aberdeen Univ. Press: sundries,	6	2	7	
,,		D. Wyllie & Son: books, . .	2	12	9	
,,		Milne & Hutchison: sundries, .	0	4	0	
June	10.	Edmond & Spark: do., .	7	6	3½	
,,		Miss H. Paterson: typewriting, .	1	13	0	
,,	11.	J. M. Anderson: searches, . .	3	3	3	
July	19.	Milne & Hutchison: printing, to account, ...	25	0	0	
Aug.	5.	E. Dossetter: photographing, .	0	7	2	
,,	30.	Newton Bros.: do., .	1	11	3	
Sept.	6.	Carl Hentschel: engraving, .	7	8	0	
,,	30.	G. Stronach: transcribing, . .	2	6	3	
,,		Dr. Cramond: outlays, . .	5	0	3	
,,		J. W. Mackie: photographing, .	4	0	3	
Nov.	20.	Edmond & Spark: sundries, .	1	3	0	
Dec.	1.	T. & R. Annan & Sons: photogravures, ...	16	0	0	
,,		Aberdeen Univ. Press: printing,	168	1	0	
,,	8.	G. Stronach: transcribing, .	1	1	0	
,,		Grosvenor, Chater & Co.: paper,	232	8	0	
,,	12.	Rev. H. Paton: searches, . .	7	5	0	
,,	17.	Taylor & Henderson: lithographing, ...	17	11	0	
,,		T. & R. Annan & Sons: collotypes,	32	10	0	
,,	18.	Edmond & Spark: binding, .	59	14	8	
,,		J. M. Corner: engraving, . .	1	0	1½	
						£668 13 3

II. Secretary and Honorary Treasurer.

Secretary's Salary, 1901-1902, . . .	£26	5	0
Secretary's Postages, 17th Dec., 1901, to date,	9	15	10
Hon. Treasurer's sundry outlays, including Insurance on paper, etc., . . .	6	0	0
			42 0 10
Carry forward,			£710 14 1

Brought forward, £710 14 1

III. Assets as at 18th December, 1902.

Loan to Aberdeen School Board,	£350	0	0
Loan to Aberdeen Town Council	350	0	0
Deposit Receipt with Town and County Bank Ltd., being Composition received from eight Life Members,	84	0	0
Five do., with do.,	421	9	7
	1205	9	7[1]

Amount of the Discharge, equal to the Charge, £1916 3 8

Note.—The Miscellaneous Disbursements above are allocated as follows:

I. "Records of Invercauld."

Editor's outlays			£3 8 11

II. "Albemarle Papers," I. and II.

[Paper paid in 1900.]					
Transcribing,	£18	5	8		
Printing,	168	1	0		
Illustrations,	27	13	8		
Binding,	41	1	9		
Packing, carriage, etc.,	18	12	11		
				273	15 0[2]

III. "House of Gordon," I.

[Paper paid in 1900.]					
Transcribing,	£16	2	6		
Illustration,	8	0	4		
				24	2 10

III. "Records of Elgin," I.

Paper	£37	14	0		
Editor's outlays,	8	0	3		
Printing,	25	0	0		
Illustrations,	74	10	7½		
				145	4 10½
Carry forward,				£446	11 7½

[1] Together with paper in stock, value £194 14s. 0d., see below.
[2] Together with cost of paper used, £102. Total, £375 15s. 0d.
[3] £50 of this amount defrayed by Colonel G. A. Cooper.

Brought forward,			£446	11 7½

IV SUNDRIES.

Books of reference,	£3	13 9		
Forbes searches,	7	5 0		
Miscellaneous printing, typing, etc.,	7	15 7		
Miscellaneous stationery, postages, etc.,	8	13 3½		
Paper in stock, 89⅞ reams,	194	14 0		
			222	1 7½
			£668	13 3

RULES.

As approved 11th November, 1886, and amended 10th December, 1886, 21st December 1894, and 20th December, 1897.

1. The objects of the New Spalding Club shall be to promote the study of the History, Topography, and Archæology of the North-eastern Counties of Scotland, and to print works illustrative thereof.

2. The Club shall consist of five hundred [*10th Dec.*, 1886] members, subscribers of one guinea annually: each subscription to be paid on or before the first day of January in each year.

3. The general management of the affairs of the Club shall be vested in a Council, consisting of a President, at least ten Vice-Presidents, and not fewer than forty ordinary members, including a Secretary and a Treasurer: all to be chosen yearly at a General Meeting of the Club, to be held at Aberdeen, in the Month of October, or at such other time within each year as may be found convenient. At all Meetings of the Council seven members shall form a quorum.

4. Immediately after the Annual General Meeting the Council shall elect Acting Committees to carry on the work of the Club.

5. The accounts of the Club shall be audited annually, by two Auditors, to be chosen at the Annual Meeting from among the members.

6. The name of any member in arrear with his annual subscription on the first day of October in each year may be removed from the list of members.

7. Vacancies in the membership shall be filled up according to priority of application.

8. Members may, at any time, compound for all future annual subscriptions, by payment of ten guineas over and above the subscription for the current year; and it shall be in the power of the Council to exempt from subscriptions, annual or other, any member who may present to the Club a work, the printing of which, as a Club publication, has been sanctioned by the Council.

9. Every member shall receive one copy of every volume assigned by the Club to the years for which he has paid subscriptions; and the editor of each work shall receive five additional copies of his work. [The heir, executor or representative of a member shall have no claim to volumes issued by the Club after the member's death, unless he be admitted a member of the Club in place of the deceased. *21st Dec.*, 1894.]

10. The number of copies printed in each case shall not exceed five hundred and twenty-five, and no copy of any work printed by the Club shall be offered by it for sale: [but it shall be competent for the Editorial Committee to arrange for extra copies not exceeding twenty-five, additional to the five hundred and twenty-five, of any volume considered appropriate, to be placed at the disposal of the University of Aberdeen, which shall refund to the Club the prime cost of such extra copies, and employ them, outwith the bounds of the United Kingdom, as part of a series of inter-academical publications. *20th Dec.*, 1897.]

11. The Club shall undertake the issue of its books without the intervention of publishers or booksellers.

12. A General Meeting of the Club may be called at any time on presentation to the Secretary of a requisition signed by twenty members; and the above rules may be altered at any General Meeting, provided that the members have received from the Secretary at least fourteen days' notice of the proposed change.

WORKS ISSUED BY THE NEW SPALDING CLUB.

MEMORIALS OF THE FAMILY OF SKENE OF SKENE, FROM THE FAMILY PAPERS, WITH OTHER ILLUSTRATIVE DOCUMENTS. Edited by William Forbes Skene, D.C.L., LL.D., Her Majesty's Historiographer for Scotland. (Pp. 269 + xv., with six full-page plates. First Annual Report.) 1887. [*Out of print.*]

DESCENT OF THE FAMILY OF SKENE. Compiled by Henry John Trotter, M.P. 1888. [*Presented by the Compiler.*]

CARTULARIUM ECCLESIAE SANCTI NICHOLAI ABERDONENSIS. Recognovit Jacobus Cooper, S.T.D., in Ecclesia supradicta Presbyter. Tomus prior. (Pp. 278 + xix., with three plates. List of members, 11th November, 1887.) 1888. [*Out of print.*]

Do. do. Tomus alter. Pp. 406 + lxvi., with twelve plates, eight in colour.) 1892. [10s. 6d.]

LACUNAR BASILICAE SANCTI MACARII ABERDONENSIS: The Heraldic Ceiling of the Cathedral Church of St. Machar, Old Aberdeen. Described in Historical and Armorial Detail by William Duguid Geddes, LL.D., and Peter Duguid. (Pp. 172 + xix., with thirty plates, twenty-four in heraldic colours. Second Annual Report.) 1888. [*Out of print.*]

FASTI ACADEMIAE MARISCALLANAE: Selections from the Records of the Marischal College and University, MDXCIII.-MDCCCLX. Edited by Peter John Anderson, M.A., LL.B. Vol. I. Endowments. (Pp. 577 + xxxi., with five plates.) 1889. [*Out of print.*]

Do. do. Vol. II. Officers, Graduates and Alumni. Pp. 596 + xxii., with thirteen plates. 1898. [10s. 6d.]

Do. do. Vol. III. Index to Vol. II. Compiled by James F. Kellas Johnstone. Pp. 196 + viii., with three plates. Eleventh and Twelfth Annual Reports. List of members, 1894-98. 1898. [10s. 6d.]

SELECTIONS FROM WODROW'S BIOGRAPHICAL COLLECTIONS: Divines of the North-east of Scotland. Edited by the Reverend Robert Lippe. (Pp. 360 + lxxxv., with two plates. Third Annual Report.) 1890. [*Out of print.*]

THE MISCELLANY OF THE NEW SPALDING CLUB. Vol. I. (Pp. 301 + lxii. Fourth Annual Report. List of members, 12th December, 1890.) 1890. [*Out of print.*]

THE ANNALS OF BANFF. Compiled by William Cramond, LL.D., Schoolmaster of Cullen. Vol. I. (Pp. 385 + xv., with nine plates. 1891. [*Out of print.*]

Do. do. Vol. II. (Pp. 498 + xl., with eleven plates. Sixth Annual Report.) 1893. [*Out of print.*]

MUSA LATINA ABERDONENSIS: Edited by Sir William Duguid Geddes, LL.D. Arthur Johnston. Vol. I. The Parerga of 1637. (Pp. 318 + xxiv., with six plates. Fifth Annual Report.) 1892. [*Out of print.*]

Do. do. Vol. II. The Epigrammata and remaining secular Poems. Pp. 308 + lvi., with nine plates. Eighth Annual Report.) 1895. [*Out of print.*]

HAND-LIST OF BIBLIOGRAPHY OF THE SHIRES OF ABERDEEN, BANFF AND KINCARDINE. By Alexander W. Robertson, M.A. (8vo: Pp. 133 + iv.) 1893. [2s. 6d.]

OFFICERS AND GRADUATES OF UNIVERSITY AND KING'S COLLEGE, ABERDEEN, MVD.-MDCCCIX. Edited by Peter John Anderson, M.A., LL.B. (Pp. 396 + xx., with four plates.) 1893. [10s. 6d.]

HECTORIS BOETH MURTHLACENSIUM ET ABERDONENSIUM EPISCOPORUM VITAE. Edited and Translated by James Moir, M.A., LL.D., Co-Rector of Aberdeen Grammar School. (Pp. 210 + xx., with two plates. Seventh Annual Report. List of members, 30th June, 1894.) 1894. [10s. 6d.]

THE RECORDS OF ABOYNE, MCCXXX.-MDCLXXXI. Edited by Charles, 11th Marquis of Huntly, Earl of Aboyne, etc., P.C., LL.D. (Pp. 590 + xliv., with eleven plates.) 1894. [21s.]

HISTORICAL PAPERS RELATING TO THE JACOBITE PERIOD, 1699-1750. Edited by Colonel James Allardyce, LL.D. Vol. I. Pp. 338 + l., with eleven plates. 1895. [*Out of print.*]

Do. do. Vol. II. (Pp. 314 + lii., with twelve plates. Ninth Annual Report.) 1896. [*Out of print.*]

THE RECORDS OF THE MELTING OF THE EXERCISE OF ALFORD, 1662-88. Edited by the Reverend Thomas Bell. Pp. 439 + xlix. Tenth Annual Report. 1897. [10s. 6d.]

RECORDS OF OLD ABERDEEN, MCLXII.-MDCCCXCI. Edited by Alexander M. Munro, F.S.A. Scot. Vol. I. (Pp. 390 + xxxvi., with six plates.) 1899. [10s. 6d.]

THE PLACE NAMES OF WEST ABERDEENSHIRE. By the late James Macdonald, F.S.A. Scot. (Pp. 347 + xxvii. Thirteenth Annual Report. 1899. [10s. 6d.]

THE FAMILY OF BURNETT OF LEYS WITH THE COLLATERAL BRANCHES. From the MSS. of the late George Burnett, LL.D., Lyon King of Arms. Edited by Colonel James Allardyce, LL.D. Pp. 367 + xxiii., with twenty-one plates. Fourteenth Annual Report. 1901. [10s. 6d.]

GENEALOGICAL TREE OF THE FAMILY OF BURNETT OF LEYS WITH THE COLLATERAL BRANCHES. Compiled by William Kendall Burnett, M.A. 1893. [*Presented by the Compiler.*]

THE RECORDS OF INVERCAULD, MDXLVII.-MDCCXVIII. Edited by the Reverend John Grant Michie, M.A., Minister of Dinnet. Pp. 523 + xi., with nine plates. 1901. [10s. 6d.]

THE ALBEMARLE PAPERS, 1746-48. Edited by Charles Sanford Terry, M.A. 2 vols. Pp. 572 + lxxxvii., with eight plates. Fifteenth Annual Report. 1902. [21s.]

THE HOUSE OF GORDON. Edited by John Malcolm Bulloch, M.A. Vol. I. *In the Press.*

THE RECORDS OF ELGIN. Compiled by William Cramond, LL.D., Schoolmaster of Cullen. Vol. I. *In the Press.*

THE RECORDS OF THE SHERIFFDOM OF ABERDEEN. Edited by David Littlejohn. Vol. I. *In the Press.*

NEW SPALDING CLUB.

[Rules approved by Editorial Committee, for *Bibliography* to be edited by Mr. A. W. Robertson and Mr. J. F. Kellas Johnstone.]

I. DISTRICT :—

The Counties of Aberdeen, Banff and Kincardine.

II. SCOPE :—

The term Books, as used below, to include :—

(1) Separate publications of at least two pages printed on opposite sides of the paper.

(2) Contributions to Magazines, Transactions, etc.

(3) Maps, Topographical Prints, Music.

Manuscripts may be noted in an Appendix.

Broadsheets to be reserved for separate treatment.

III. BOOKS TO BE INCLUDED :—

Inclusion will depend on one or other of three considerations : (1) Subject, (2) Publisher, (3) Author.

(1) *Subject.*

A. To appear in Part 1 (see IV., *infra*) :—

Books whose subject explicitly relates to the district.

B. To appear only in Part 2 :—

a. Books that contain important references to the district.

b. Books that treat of authors included under (3), *infra*.

(2) *Publisher.*

A. To appear in Part 1 :—

a. Books having a local publisher, sole or first named.

b. Books having a local publisher, though not first named—provided they were printed locally.

c. Books printed locally for private circulation.

(3) *Author.*

A. To appear in Part 1 :—

Books by one domiciled within the district, if the books were issued during the period of domicile (*e.g.*, Professor J. Clerk Maxwell, 1856-60).

B. To appear only in Part 2 :—

a Books by one born within or outwith the district, whose parents were domiciled within it at the time of birth.

b. Books by one educated within the district, either at school, or at one of the Aberdeen Universities (graduate or alumnus).

c. Books by one officially connected with the district, if the books were issued during the period of office (*e.g.*, Colonel W. H. Sykes, 1854-55 and 1857-72).

IV. Arrangement :—

Part 1. *Chronological and bibliographical catalogue.*

Under year of publication. Entries of the several years to be arranged alphabetically by authors, and in the case of anonymous works by titles. Titles to be bibliographically accurate, though not necessarily full, except for rarities. All omissions to be indicated by three dots (. . .), and nothing to be omitted that bears on the inclusion of the book in the Bibliography, *e.g.*, the name of a local publisher. Articles in periodicals to have number of pages and of plates noted, and, where title of article is misleading, an indication of its subject to be given.

When the book has not been seen by either of the editors, a dagger (†) to be prefixed, and the source from which the title is taken to be indicated where possible; where this cannot be given, a double dagger (‡) to be prefixed, and the editor responsible for the title to be noted (*R.* or *J.*).

The existence of a book in the Aberdeen Public Library or Aberdeen University Library to be noted, (*P.L.* or *U.L.*); and when the book is of a high degree of rarity, the collections where it is known to be preserved to be named.

Part 2. *Abbreviated alphabetical list.*

Under name of author; or under title of anonymous work not already included in Part 1. Titles given here (except for rarities) to be as short as is consistent with the identification of the books; and to be preceded by a summary of the outstanding facts in the career of the author.

This part at once to serve as an Author Index to Part 1 (titles repeated to be marked with an asterisk *), and to include books not falling within the province of Part 1 (see III. (1) B, and III. (3) B, *supra*).

Part 3. *Indexes.*

a. Index of Publishers; with biographical notes.

b. Index of Printers; with biographical notes.

These two indexes will apply only to Part 1.

c. Index of Titles of anonymous books.

d. Index of Subjects.

These two indexes will apply to Part 1 and Part 2. References for Part 1 will be to page and number of title on page, thus: Murray lectures, 105 (3).

[Four specimen pages are appended illustrating the proposed treatment of Part 1 and Part 2. It is, of course, to be understood that these specimens profess to be exhaustive neither of years nor of authors.]

1. **Adams,** Francis. On the contraction of the human placenta. An historical sketch. By Francis Adams, LL.D., M.D. Published by A. Brown and Company, booksellers, Aberdeen.

Printed by James Daniel and Company, 46 and 48 Castle Street. Pp. 43. (8½ × 5½.) *U.L.*

Reprint of "papers which appeared originally about ten years ago in the *London Medical Gazette*".

2. **Harvey,** Arthur. Prize essay. The agricultural labourer: his present condition and means for his amelioration. By Arthur Harvey, Secretary to the Royal Northern Agricultural Society. Dedicated by permission to His Royal Highness the Prince Consort. Aberdeen: A. Brown and Co., Union Street . . . 1858.

Aberdeen, printed at the *Free Press* Office, by A. King and Co. Pp. iv. + 5-47. (8½ × 5½.) *P.L.*

3. **Maxwell,** James Clerk. On the general laws of optical instruments. By J. C. Maxwell.

In *The Quarterly Journal of Pure and Applied Mathematics*, vol. ii., pp. 233-246, 1 plate. London: 1858. Communication dated: Aberdeen, 12th Jan., 1858.

4. **Stanhope,** Philip Henry, *5th earl*. Address delivered by Earl Stanhope, at the ceremony of his installation as the Lord Rector of Marischal College and University, Aberdeen. On Thursday, 25th March, 1858. Aberdeen: D. Wyllie and Son . . . 1858.

G. Cornwall and Sons, Printers, Aberdeen. Pp. 31. (7 × 5.) *U.L.*

5. The **Stumbling-block** of predestination rolled away: or, a disquisition on the texts given to support it in the Confession of Faith. By a displeased layman. [Quotation.] Aberdeen: George and Robert King, 28 St. Nicholas Street . . . MDCCCLVIII.

J. Cumming, Printer, Fintray. Pp. iv. + 5-44. (8½ × 5¼.)

1859.

6. **Aberdeen** Musical Festival in the Music Hall on Wednesday and Thursday, 12th and 13th October, 1859. A. King and Co., Printers, *Free Press* Office, Aberdeen.

Pp. 4. (15 × 9½.)

Programme of Concert at opening of Large Hall, Music Hall Buildings, Aberdeen, which coincided with visit of British Association.

1. The **Aberdeen** Water-cure Journal and Family Guide to Health. Edited by the Rev. Alex. Munro, Loch-head, Aberdeen. Volume I. London . . . Aberdeen: G. Davidson. 1859.

G. Cornwall and Sons, Printers, Aberdeen. Pp. viii. + 280. ($8\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{4}$.) *P.L.*

2. **Adams,** Francis, and **Adams,** Andrew Leith. On ornithology as a branch of liberal education. Containing notes of all the wild birds which have been discovered in Banchory Ternan, with remarks on such of them as have been found in India. By Dr. Adams, Banchory; and Dr. A. L. Adams, Surgeon, 22nd Foot. Aberdeen: John Smith, 50 Union Street. 1859.

Pp. 35. ($8\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$.) *P.L.*

"Printed with a few verbal alterations from a paper read by Dr. Adams at the late meeting of the British Association in Aberdeen."

3. **Macdonald,** Charles. Murray lecture for session 1858-59. "The unknown God": a discourse [Text, Acts xvii. 23], delivered in the Chapel of the University and King's College, Aberdeen. By Charles Macdonald, A.M., Preacher of the Gospel. (Printed according to Deed of Institution.) Aberdeen: Printed at the *Free Press* Office by A. King and Co., Concert Court, Broad Street. 1859.

Pp. 14. ($8\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{2}$.) *U.L.*

4. **Maxwell,** James Clerk. On the stability of the motions of Saturn's rings. An essay which obtained the Adams Prize for the year 1856, in the University of Cambridge. By J. Clerk Maxwell, M.A., late Fellow of Trinity College, Cambridge, Professor of Natural Philosophy in the Marischal College and University of Aberdeen. [Motto.] Cambridge. . . . 1859.

Pp. viii. + 71. ($10\frac{3}{4} \times 8\frac{1}{2}$.; one plate. *U.L.*

5. **Paul,** William. Letter to the Honourable the University Commissioners for Scotland on the subject of duplicate classes in the Faculty of Arts in the Aberdeen University; with suggestions, also, on the subject of educational improvements in the Arts curriculum in that University. By Wm. Paul, D.D., Minister of Banchory-Devenick. Aberdeen: Lewis and James Smith. MDCCCLIX.

Aberdeen: Printed at the *Herald* Office, by James Brown. Pp. 23. ($8\frac{1}{2} \times 5\frac{1}{4}$.) *U.L.*

Adams, Andrew Leith.

Second s. of Dr. Francis A., Banchory; Gram. Sch., Aberd.; M.A., Marischal Coll., 1846; M.B., 1848; LL.D., Aberd., 1881; Dep. Surg. Gen., A.M.D.; F.R.S., 1872; Prof. of Zoology, Coll. of Science, Dublin, 1873; of Nat. Hist., Queen's Coll., Cork, 1878 till *d.*, 1882. —(*Dict. Nat. Biog.*)

Wanderings of a naturalist in India.	Edinb. 1867.
Wanderings of a naturalist in Nile valley.	Edinb. 1870.
Field and forest rambles.	Lond. 1873.

Adams, Francis.

b. Lumphanan, Aberdeenshire, 13 Mar., 1796; Parish Sch., and Gram. Sch., Aberd.; M.A., King's Coll., 1813; M.R.C.S., 1815; LL.D., Glasg., 1846; Hon. M.D., King's Coll., 1856; Med. pract., Banchory, till *d.*, 26 Feb., 1861.—(*Dict. Nat. Biog.*)

*Hermes philologus.	Lond. 1826.
*Arundines Devae: poetical translations.	Edinb. 1853.
*On construction of human placenta.	Aberd. [1858].
*Writings of Burns.	Aberd. 1859.

Macdonald, Charles.

b. Aberdeen; M.A., King's Coll., 1850; Prof. of Mathematics, Dalhousie Univ., Halifax, N.S.

*Murray lecture for [sessions 1856-57 to 1859-60].	Aberd. 1857-60.

Masson, David [Mather].

b. Aberdeen, 2 Dec., 1822; Gram. Sch., Aberd.; M.A., Marischal Coll., 1839; Univ., Edinb., 1839-42; engaged in literary work; Prof. of English, Univ. Coll., Lond., 1852-65; Univ., Edinb., 1865-95; LL.D., Aberd., 1864; H.M. Historiographer for Scotland, 1893.

British novelists and their styles.	Camb. 1859.
Recent British philosophy.	Lond. 1865 and 1867.
Wordsworth, Shelley, Keats, and other essays.	Lond. 1874.
De Quincey. [Eng. Men of Letters Series.]	Lond. 1881.
Carlyle personally and in his writings.	Lond. 1885.
*James Melvin.	Aberd. 1895.

Theories of poetry and a new poet. *N. Brit. Rev.*, xix., 297-344. 1853.
*Dead men whom I have known; or recollections of three cities. *Macmillan's Mag.* 1864-65.

Barrie, J. M. An Edinburgh eleven [Prof. Masson, pp. 17-25]. Lond. 1889.
Hole, William. Quasi cursores. [Prof. Masson, with portrait, pp. 79-86.] Edinb. 1884.

Maxwell, James Clerk.

b. Edinburgh, 13 Nov., 1831; Edin. Acad. and Univ., and Trinity Coll., Camb.; Second Wrangler, 1854, and Fellow of Trinity, 1855; Prof. of Nat. Phil., Marischal Coll. and Univ., Aberd., 1856-60; King's Coll., Lond., 1860-65; in 1871 elected to new Chair of Experimental Physics at Cambridge, and continued in this office till *d.*, 5 Nov., 1879. In 1858 *m.* Katherine Mary, dau. of Dr. Daniel Dewar, Principal of Marischal Coll. The greater part of Maxwell's bibliography lies without the scope of this work: see lists in Niven's edn. of his Scientific Papers.—(*Dict. Nat. Biog.*)

*On a dynamical top.	Edinb. 1857.
*On stability of motion of Saturn's rings.	Camb. 1859.
Scientific papers. Ed. W. D. Niven. 2 vols.	Camb. 1890.

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